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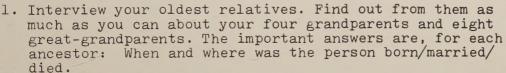
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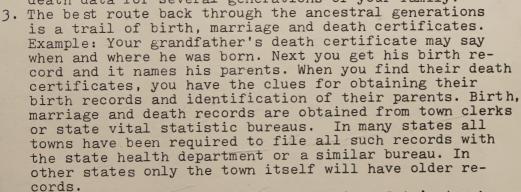
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2. Collect all records, letters, etc., handed down in your family. Your most fortunate discovery could be an old family Bible in which was written birth, marriage and death data for several generations of your family.



4. By now, you have some basic information. Get in touch with a more experienced genealogist for information on ways to file your material and pursue the "stray" ancestors you've not been able to find records for.

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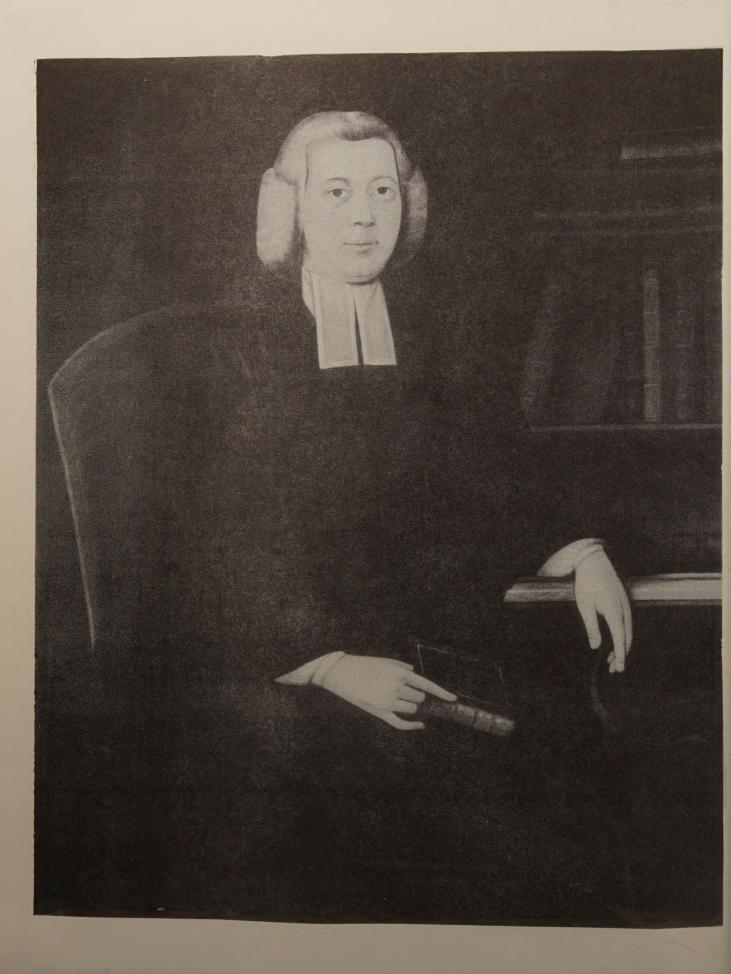
6. Check census records. They go back to 1790. Some list each person in the household, telling where they were born, what their age was when the census was taken and the state where parents were born.

7. Now you know towns and counties where groups of your ancestors lived 100 or more years ago. Many local libraries and historical societies have compiled genealogies of early settlers. A letter to a library in that town could yield a wealth of information.

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trace ancestors, such as working with old wills and deeds, obtaining data from tombstone inscriptions, and verifying lineages from old published genealogies. Till they reach this point, many family researchers have become "hooked" on genealogy. It becomes a pleasurable, rewarding, life-long hobby.





ABRAHAM JARVIS CONNECTICUT'S SECOND EPISCOPAL BISHOP

MATERIALS FOR A BIOGRAPHY: CORRESPONDENCE, PAPERS AND CONCILIAR REPORTS OF HIS EPISCOPATE

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INTRODUCTION

The early biographical sketches of Abraham Jarvis (exclusive of Franklin Bowditch Dexter's outline of his life in Yale Graduates) have been gathered into my The Anglican Episcopate in Connecticut, to which volume the general reader is referred. In the present work I list and analyze the floating documents by or concerning him, arranging them in chronological order and providing them with a terminal index which should prove useful to scholars at work in the American period from 1775 through 1815. In doing so I have sought to push my historical interests beyond the temporal limits of the Seabury Traditions. I hope, moreover, to advance further into the diocesan history of the nineteenth century in a projected study, which will deal with the interregnum (1813-1819), during a part of which Bishop John Henry Hobart had temporary oversight of Connecticut. Most of the records cited in the following pages will be found in the Archives of Jarvis's diocese in Hartford.

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JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Undated. Exercises in business arithmetic: A series of questions and answers.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Undated. Prayer for Ash Wednesday or some other fast day.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM, in Masonic Records of the Middletown Lodge, from 1780 onwards.

FARMAR, SAMUEL. Dated July, 1757. To Mrs. Jane Caner. An account of her purchases of merchandise.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 21, 1759, at New Haven. Oration at Yale College in a paper-bound notebook of 10½ pp. (In the Yale MS. Vault, Sect.

FARMAR, SAMUEL. Dated Oct., 1757-Apr., 1759. To Rev. John Hamilton. Business record of money lent to him, etc.

G----, T. (A Dissenting Minister). Dated July 4, 1760, at Ropemakers Alley, Little Moor Field. To "am Eminent Methodist Teacher." Begins: "Dear Brother / On the publication of M. Jn. Wesley's Reasons agt a Separation from the Establishd Church, I was apprehensive of an Attack on Dissenters in general; But my fears soon dissipated on reading the performance itself, which apparently affects no other Separatists than his own Party, whom he calls Methodists: And those Reasons (such as they are) manifestly discover his private views, which are neither founded in Religion, Charity, nor Conscience. And tho' it concerns not us of the Tolleration, to enquire into their Expediency, yet we are surprised that you (who had designed the Plan of a New Church) should be influenced by such trivial arguments, to lay aside so pious an undertaking...."*

*M. M. and M. R. were then treating for a piece of Ground near Hyde Park Corner, for the Building a New Tabernacle.

KEPPEL, FREDERICK (Bp. of Exeter). Dated Feb. 5, 1764. To Abraham Jarvis, Royal Chapel at St. James's, Westminster. Certificate of Jarvis's ordination as a deacon. (Conn. Hist. Soc.)

LYTTLETON, CHARLES (Bp. of Carlisle). Dated Feb. 19, 1764. To Abraham Jarvis, St. James's Parish, Westminster. Certificate of Jarvis's ordination as a priest. (Conn. Hist. Soc.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated April 2-5, 1764. Minutes of a Journey to Windsor etc. by Bela Hubbard, Wm. Walter (of Roxbury, Mass.) and Abraham Jarvis while in England. They describe Alexander Pope's Twickenham, Hampton Court, Belvidere (the Duke of Cumberland's estate), Windsor Castle, the colleges at Eaton, etc. -- a tour of 43 miles.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 30, 1764, at Middletown, Conn. To Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, ?Stratford, Conn. Reports on his being ordained Deacon by the

Bp. of Exeter and Priest by the Bp. of Carlisle, both of whom he characterizes. Mentions his dealings with the Bp. of London and the Secretary of the S.P.G., the latter of whom introduced Jarvis's party to the Archbishop. Discusses Conn. missions, financial matters and the nature of an American episcopate, should one ever be established. (Dr. Chandler agreed with the last particulars.) Says Dr. Burton mentioned the S.P.G.'s 'having some Thoughts of appointing a Number of the Clergy, at a suitable Distance from each other, to receive and inspect the Representations and Accounts of the different Churches, to be by them transmited to the Society. but not so as to abridge the Correspondance of Particulars, as that they would mean to have continued."

MIDDLETOWN, CONN.: CHRIST CHURCH. Dated Aug. 1, 1764. Subscription paper with names of subscribers to a fund, paying Abraham Jarvis £70 per annum.

Hebron in Connecticut New England 5. June. 1765

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We Your Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Clergy of the Church of England in Connecticut convened, Beg Leave with all Humility and Reverence, to present our warmest Sentiments of Dutifulness and Loyalty, to Your Majesty's Person and Government, the Benign Influences whereof we have experienced in these remote parts of Your Majesty's Dominions.

We Being destitute of ecclesiastical Government and many other Priviledges, which Christians enjoy, in all other Protestant Countries, Beg Leave, with due Submission to Your Majesty, to implore Your Majesty's more particular Attention to the Religious State of this Country, That there might be such wise Measures concerted, as that one or more Bishops might be appointed to reside in these Your Majesty's Plantations, with Authority to govern the Clergy, to confirm those whom we baptize, and to perform other Episcopal Acts, conducive to the well Being of Religion.

We Earnestly and Humbly entreat Your Majesty to consider whether, if our Request was granted, it would not very much conduce to the Promotion of Loyalty, the Interest of Religion in general, and the Advantage of

the Church of England in particular.

We Believe the Religion of the Nation, as by Law established, to be agreable to the Will of our Great Master, therefore we humbly conceive, we behave like Loyal Subjects to Your Majesty, and true Sons of the Church, to address Your Majesty in this manner, That we may have it entire. Not to Seek for this, in a Lawful way would seem to argue, as if we did not believe what we profess.

May God preserve the invaluable Life of Your most Sacred Majesty, and make Your Reign Long and Prosperous: is the Earnest Prayer, of, / May it please Your Majesty, / Your Majesty's most dutiful, / and Loyal

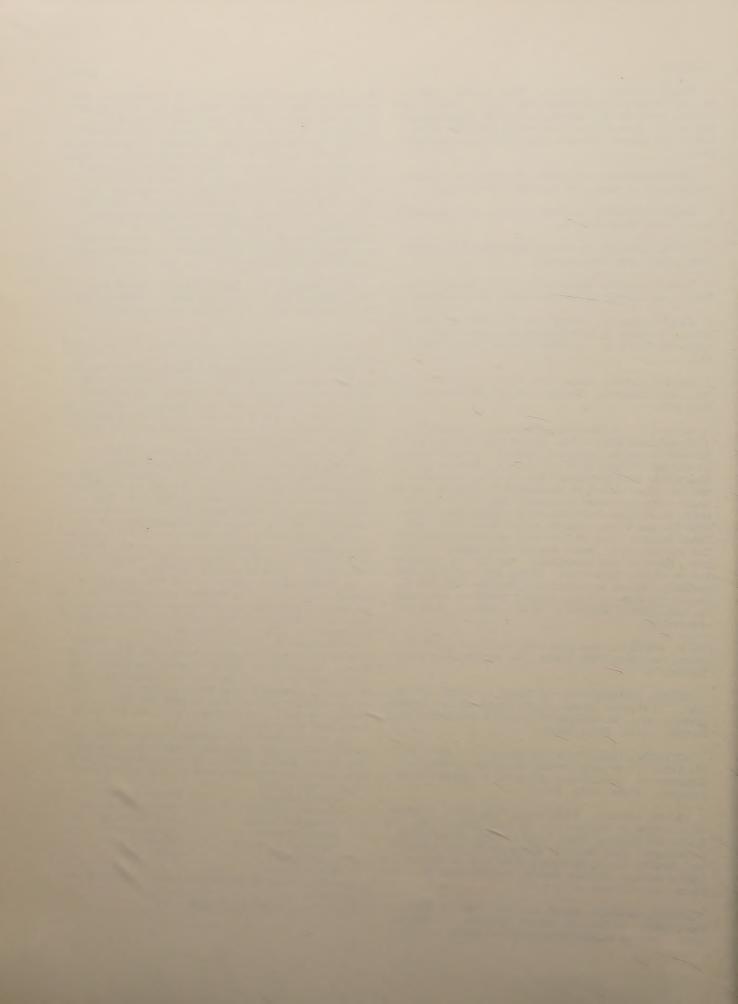
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Joseph Lamson Ebenezer Dibblee Jeremiah Leaming Solomon Palmer Christopher Newton James Scovil Samuel Peters

Thomas Davies Samuel Andrews John Beardsley Abraham Jarvis Bela Hubbard Roger Viets

A true Copy done, by Jeremiah Leaming Clerk of the Convention

[Ch. of Eng. in Pre-Revol. Conn., 132]



[To Richard Terrick, Bp. of London]

Hebron, in Connecticut New England 5th June. 1765

May it please Your Lordship,

We the Clergy of the Church of England in Connecticut, being convened at Hebron, take this public Opportunity, humbly to acknowledge the Receipt of [Your] Lordship's most Christian, Kind, and obliging Letter dated the 18. February 1765; and we earnestly entreat Your Lordship to accept of our most profound Gratitude for so particular a Mark of Your Condescention, and Favour: and more particularly for Your condescending to grant us Liberty, to lay before You any particulars relative to ye State of Religion, that may appear to be of Service to the Church in these Parts.

And as we humbly conceive nothing could be more conducive to the Interest of America, both in a Civil and Religious Sense, than the Appointment of one, or more Bishops to reside here; so we are very desirous, that there may be an Apostolical Bishop sent here, with power to govern the Clergy, confirm those whom we baptize, and perform other Episcopal Acts, that may be conducive to ye well being of the Church here: to which End, we have enclosed a Petition or Address to our Gracious King, (who, You acquaint us, is most Sincerely inclined to Promote Religion) that He would be pleased, in his Wisdom and Goodness, to send us a Bishop.

We leave it to Your Lordships wisdom, to present this Address, to his Majesty, or Suppress it, as You think best. A Copy of which we have sent to His Grace, the A. Bishop of Canterbury, desiring him to make what use of it, he thinks proper.

We annually meet on Wednesday in Trinity week, and Shall gladly receive any Orders, or Directions Your Lordship may be pleased to send, which Shall carefully

and punctually be observed.

We humbly beg Your Lordship's Blesing, and Prayers for us; may You long continue a Shining Ornament of Your Divine and exalted Station; and in God's time, thro' the Merits of Christ, receive a Crown of Glory, for all Your faithful Services; this is the humble and earnest Prayer, of

May it please Your Lordship, / Your Lordships, / Most Dutiful Sons, / and most obedient, / Humble

Servants

Joseph Lamson
Ebenezer Dibblee
Jeremiah Leaming
Solomon Palmer
Christopher Newton
Samuel Peters
James Scovil

Samuel Andrews Thomas Davies John Beardsley Abraham Jarvis Bela Hubbard Roger Viets

This Copy was ordered to be Drawn and sent, by Jeremiah Leaming Clerk of the Convention [Ibid., 132-133]

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 9, 1765, at Middletown, Conn. Sermon on Matt. 3:16-17. (Preached at Guilford on May 29, 1768, and again at Middletown on May 26, 1782, and June 11, 1786--Trinity Sundays both.)

Revd Sir

The acct you sent me of your good Health and of the florishing State of your Church, gave me the utmost pleasure; And so long as the Society continues to employ such Missionaries as are Educated among your selves, we cannot doubt of their Success.

I shall continue to recommend such Books as are most apt to reconcile, or to Silence the Dissenters,

particularly the following pieces wrote by DY John Nalson in 1677 & 1678, viz ‡) The true liberty and Adominion of Conscience Vindicated from the usurpations and Abuses of opinion and perswasion.

The Countermine; or a Discovery of the Dangerous principles & practices of the Dissenting Party.

The Common Interest of King & People; shewing the Excellency of Monarchy compared with Aristocracy and Democracy.

The Project of Peace; or Unity of Faith and Government, the only Expedient to preserve these Nations from Popery, & Arbitrary Tyranny.

I have given MT Avery Sir Cha^S Wolseley on Justification which he has undertaken to get Printed in New England. I am obliged to you for recommending him, and have had great pleasure in his conversation--

I thank D? Johnson for his favourable opinion, and have sent him another short proof of the true Quantity of a Tropical year.

And now Sir I wish you all Success and happiness, and I am

From my House in Bolt Court in Fleetstreet London y^r most obliged humble Ser^t W^m Rivet 15 June 1765

[To the Rev. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Conn.] [Ibid., 133]

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Mar. 24, 1767, at Middletown, Conn. To Rev. Alexander Jacobs. Writes on the cause of the Church in America and the need for an American episcopate. Suggests that Jacobs's connections with some of the Nobility and with the King's chaplains can be useful. Begs him to do his utmost, since thousands of souls are languishing. (Two drafts of this letter, which may have been sent to other key Englishmen.)

BURTON, DANIEL (Sec'y of the S.P.G.). Dated Apr. 20, 1767, at Abingdon St., Westminster. To Rev. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Corm. Thanks J. for his report of Dec. 8, 1766, and indicates the Society's desire to establish missions as rapidly and extensively as possible. Regrets its limitations. "However, I should be glad to know exactly what allowance the Gentlemen of your Parish give You annually, & what other profits & advantages you have."

Middletown, November 21st, 1767.
[To Daniel Burton, Sec'y of the S.P.G.]
Rev. Sir:

I apprehend it is quite consistent with the dignity of the office I have the honour to sustain, in the best of Churches, to be anxious that the character may be supported above contempt, which, in these times, will hardly be without some such inconvenient degree of external circumstances as may command respect: for, alas! such is the corruption, that the excellency of holy things and offices is little attended to, when destitute of a competent aid from the world. Clothe the office of Christ in rags, and it will sink into neglect and dishonour, and be as undesirable as He himself was. Experience gives but too melancholy a proof of this, exemplified in the Church among us, as more or less respected in particular congregations, according as its maintenance is respectable--that respect gives advantage to the growth, and removes a disadvantage its adversaries



improve against it.

Therefore it is, that I venture on such importunity to serve the Church in this place, which is very sensibly done by every favour that promotes its competent maintenance. To show you how deficient that is at present, I most cheerfully follow your requisition, in the detail of what the gentlemen of my parish allow me annually.

I am, Rev. Sir, &c., &c., Abraham Jarvis.

[Doc. Hist., II, 120]

BURTON, DANIEL. Dated Mar. 21, 1768, at Abingdon St., Westminster. To Abraham Jarvis, c/o Dr. Samuel Auchmuty, New York. Acknowledges J's letter of Nov. 21, 1767, and is "sensible of the difficulties you must be under from the incompetent maintenance which you receive from your people, & the more so because It is not thought a prudent measure in us to make an establishment in your Town..." Says J. is granted a £10 gratuity, which he may draw upon. (Mr. Symondson is the new S.P.G. treasurer, Mr. Pearson being dead.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 3, 1768, at Middletown, Corn. Sermon on 1 John 3:21. Preached also at Middletown on Aug. 23, 1772; May 14, 1775; June 13, 1777; at Capt. Caleb Wetmore's, Nov. 17, 1768; at Rye, N.Y., Apr. 22, 1770; at New Haven, Oct. 16, 1768; at Chatham, Aug. 20, 1780; at Middle Haddam, Oct. 8, 1786.

New Milford, May 25th, 1769.

[To the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson]

Whereas, application has been made to this Convention, that they would use their interest with the Society, that Patridge Thatcher, Esq., may be appointed the first Governor of the new projected Colony, if in

their judgment they think proper.

The Convention unanimously agree to request the Reverend Dr. Johnson to mention, in his first advices to the Society, that if they think proper to concern themselves in this affair, as they are greatly interested in the lands to be included in this new Colony, that we judge Mr. Thatcher, in every way, qualified for so important a trust, and well affected to the Government, in being zealous for the support of our holy Church, and in a peculiar manner will be attentive to the Society's interest, and concerned for the promotion of the interest of true religion and good order, if his Majesty shall do him that honor, and indulge the proprietors in their request.

And the Secretary of the Convention is ordered to transmit to Dr. Johnson a copy of the above vote.

Abraham Jarvis, Secretary.

[Dec. Hist., II, 133]

CANER, HENRY. Dated Oct. 12, 1769, at Boston, Mass. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown. Acknowledges J's letter sent by Dr. Osborn and sends an S.P.G. Abstract for 1769. Says he sent a supply of Abstracts for 1766-67-68-69 to Enos Allen of New Haven, requesting him to distribute them to missionaries in Comn. "T believe the Vessel was too late for the Convention, but you can now inform any of your Brethren that are unsupply'd where they may apply." Sends compliments to Mrs. Jarvis.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Nov. 26, 1769, at St. Andrew's Church, Scotland Neck, Conn. Sermon on

Ephesians 4:30. Preached also at Salmon Brook on Dec. 3, 1769; at Middletown on Aug. 29, 1773, and on Aug. 13, 1780; at Cohabit, July 9, 1780.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 21, 1771, at Middletown, Corm. Sermon on John 13:17. Preached also at ?Norwich or Norwalk, Oct. 20, 1771; at Cohabit, Jan. 14, 1772, and Aug. 11, 1782; at Middle Haddam, June 19, 1785; at Middletown in 1785 and July 11, 1790.

LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated July 23, 1771, at Norwalk, Conn. To ?Samuel Farmar, Merchant, ?New York. Business letter regarding deeds in favor of James Richardson and John Williams to property some of which lies in Essex St. Asks F. to send to Messrs. Hamilton and Rumley six copies of his Second Defence. Says he expects Abraham Jarvis "every minute."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Jan. 3, 1773, at Middletown, Comn. Sermon on Psalm 90:12. Preached again at Middletown, Apr. 21, 1773, Sept. 5, 1773, Oct. 10, 1773, Jan. 9, 1785; at Cohabit, Jan. 8, 1775; at Exeter, Oct., 1788; at Hebron, July 27, 1788; at Middle Haddam, Aug., 1788.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Aug. 29, 1773, at New Haven, Conn. Sermon on Romans 5:4, delivered at New Haven on Aug. 29, 1773; at Middletown on July 23, 1775, Oct. 1, 1775, and July 31, 1785; and at Cohabit in Nov., 1775.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?1775. MS. catalogue of books in his library, ca. 1775.

LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated Jan. 28+, 1775. An itemized statement of his account with Abraham Jarvis and record of payments.

KNEELAND, EBENEZER. Dated Feb. 29, 1776, at Stratford, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Conn. In response to J's request he has secured (and does transmit herewith) Dr. Samuel Johnson's answer to J's several questions regarding church taxes, rates and collectors thereof.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?1779. To 'Dear Brother.' Regarding the death and burial of their brother, John Jarvis, at Pound Ridge, N.Y. Mentions birth of his first son, Samuel, who has died in infancy. [MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.]

CLERGY CONVENTION AT STRATFORD. Dated Sept. 14, 1779, at Stratford, Conn. To Rt. Rev. Robert Lowth, Lord Bishop of London. Introduces and recommends for Orders Henry Van Dyck, who has for several years read prayers and sermons at Stratford and Newtown "to very good acceptance." Signed by Christopher Newton, Samuel Andrews, Bela Hubbard, Abraham Jarvis, Richard Clarke and John Rutgers Marshall.

CLERGY CONVENTION AT STRATFORD. Dated Sept. 14, 1779, at Stratford, Conn. To Rev. Dr. Richard Hind, Sec'y of the S.P.G., London, Eng. Recommends for Orders and introduces Henry Van Dyck, who has for several years read prayers and sermons at Stratford and Newtown "to very good acceptance." Signed by Richard Mansfield, Christopher Newton, Samuel Andrews, Bela Hubbard, Abraham Jarvis, Richard Clarke and John Rutgers Marshall.



At a Convention of the Clergy of the Church of Engd in Connecticut, held at the Rev^d M^r Mansfield'[s] Derby, in Trinity Week, in the Year of our Lord 1780

Tuesday Eveng May 23d present--

Rev^d MT Mansfield -- MT Jarvis -- MT Scovil -- MT Clarke -- MT Andrews -- MT Marshal

- Mr Hubbard

The Convention was open'd, and the Rev Mr. Clarke chosen to be the President of this present Convention--

- MT Scovil chosen to be the Chaplin of the same, and MT Jarvis, was chosen Secretary. Then proceeded to Business--
- Mṛ Hubbard acquainted the Convention that he had a Letter wrote by the Revḍ Mṛ Cossit to the Revḍ Mṛ Viets, which he was desired to lay before the Con: The Letter was order'd to be read-- and was read accordingly.
- The contents of the Letter being consider'd, the Convention resolved that a Letter be wrote to Mr clement Sumner, in whose behalf the above Letter was written, acquainting him with what the Con: think proper to suggest as its Opinion and Advice relative to the substance of the Application; and that Mr Andrews draw up a Letter for that purpose It was next proposed, whether the Conven: would take into Considerath the Sentiments & Doctrins lately adopted by the Revd Mr Tyler, which was agree'd to-- And then the Convention was adjourn'd to 9. of ye Clock to Morrow Morning--

Wedn. 24. The Convention was open'd— It was agreed that a conventional Letter be wrote to M. Tyler, expressive of their Concern at his Deviation from the Doctrins of the Chh. and their Apprehensions of the Tendency and Conseq. that it will have upon the Chh in general, with respect to her Interest & Union and Harmony: and as advisory relative to what is tho't prudential as to his Conduct: and what they as his Brethren in the Ministry desire and expect from him. And that Mr Scovil, Mr Hubbard, & Mr Jarvis be appointed to prepare a Letter for that purpose; who were accordingly appointed. Then the Convention was adjournd to 4 O. Cl. P.M— and proceeded to Chh— where a Sermon was preachd by

the Rev^d M^r Marshal, -Met according to Adjournment -- and the thanks of the
Convention was voted, and given by the President,
to the Rev^d M^r Marshal for the good Sermon that he
hath deliver'd this Day before the Convention --

Major Baldwin, Doct! Clarke, and Doct! Thomlinson, waited on this Convent: and requested that the Clergy would consider the very destitute State of the Chh at Milford, and in their turns visit that vacant Chh. and favor them in Rotat with a Sundays Service, each, and as often as may be consistent with their stated Duties in their respective Churches, and the Engagements they are already under--

The Convention concurred with the Request, and agreed to visit and officiate at that vacant Chh successively, in the following Order-- Mr. Scovil in June, Mr. Jarvis in July, Mr. Marshal in Augt, Mr. Andrews Sepr, Mr. Hubbard, Oct. Mr. Clark, Nov., Mr. Mansfield, December--

Mr Andrews brought in the letter, he was directed to prepare, to send to Mr Clement Sumner, which was read and approved, and order'd to be forwarded to

Adjourn'd until to Morrow Morning--

Thursdy 25, met accords to Adjournm! The Letter to Mr. Tyler according to Direction was prepar'd, and approv'd, by the Convention, sign'd by order of Convention by the Secretary, to be transmited to him. Agreed to meet in our next Convention on Wednesday in Trinity Week 1781— at Mr. Newton's, if convenient, if not there, at Mr. Clarkes——and

The present Convention is concluded--Signed by

- Abraham Jarvis Secretary It was order'd that Mr Shelton be enter'd on the Minutes of this Conventⁿ as a Candidate for holy Orders, under the patronage of this Convention—[Ch. of Eng. in Pre-Revol. Conn., 205-206]
- At a Convention of the Clergy of the Church of England in Connecticut, holden at Litchfield, at the Rev. Mr James Nichol's, Wednesdy in Trinity Week, in the Year of our Lord 1781-- Tuesday Eveng June 12. present

Rev^d Mess^{rs} Mansfield Jarvis
Scovil Tyler
Andrews Clarke
Viets Marshal
Hubbard Nichols

The Convention was open'd, and the Rev^d M^r Viets was chosen to be the president of this present Convention-- M^r Andrews was chosen to be the Chaplain of the same-- And M^r Jarvis was chosen to be the Secretary--

Then proceeded to Business,— The Minutes of the last Con: were order'd to be read, & were read accordingly—

MT Bostwick being not present, who is expected to preach the conventional Sermon, in Case he comes: on failure it is voted that MT Andrews preach the Sermon in the Morning. It was agreed that there be a 2^d Service, and that MT Jarvis preach the Sermon, MT Hubbard to read prayers in the Morning: And that MT Viets read Prayers in the Afternoon. The President adjourn'd the Convent until 7. 0. C. to Morrow Morning--

Wednesdy Morn Met accord to Adjournmt-- adjourn'd to attend Church-- After divine Service, Convent was open,d and the Thanks of the Con-- was voted to be returnd by the presid to the Rev. Mf Andrews for his very good Sermon deliverd this Day-- Thanks accord were return'd-- And then Con. was adjourn'd to attend the 24 Service, the Sermon was preach'd by Mf Jarvis, to whom for so Sermon, the Thanks accord to Custom, was voted, & return'd by the President--

A Petition was brot in by M. Nichols from the People of Cornwal for the Approbation of ye Con-- that M. Allen a young Gentleman of that Town should read prayers & Sermons to them; the Con-- approved the proposal and gave Encouragm! to him, that in Case he qualified himself sufficiently the Con-- would give him their Interest to obtain a Degree from some College, that he may be properly prepared to be recommended for holy Orders, should the State of ye public admit of their so doing. The Con-- was adjourn'd to Thursdy Morng--

Thursdy Morn-- met accords to Adjournment-- noths coms before the Conv-- for Entry-- the Conventn voted to meet at Middletown on Wednesdy in Trinity Week of ye next Year, 1782. Mr. Bostwick to preach ye Sermon, in Case of failure, Mr. Nichols



is appointed the \sec^d to be prepared. The Con: was concluded

Signd by

Abraham Jarvis Secretary--[Ch. of Eng. in Pre-Revol. Conn., 206-207-

LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated Jan. 16, 1782, at New York. To Secretary of the S.P.G. (Wm. Morice), Westminster. Petitions in behalf of Christ Church, Middletown, and its faithful rector, Abraham Jarvis, who deserves a larger stipend. Discusses what the mission is doing towards his support and vouches for Jarvis's "attachment to the British Constitution in Church and State."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM (Sec'y of the Convention). Dated ca. Apr. 21, 1783, at New York. To [John Moore], Archbishop of Canterbury. Recommends Samuel Seabury for consecration as Bp. of Conn. Printed copy only.

New York, April 21, 1783.

[To William Markham, Abp. of York:]

My Lord:

The Clergy of Connecticut, deeply impressed with anxious apprehension of what may be the fate of the Church in America, under the present changes of empire and policy, beg leave to embrace the earliest moment in their power to address your Grace on that

important subject.

This part of America is at length dismembered from the British Empire; but, notwithstanding the dissolution of our civil connection with the parent state, we still hope to retain the religious polity; the primitive and evangelical doctrine and discipline, which, at the Reformation, were restored and established in the Church of England. To render that polity complete, and to provide for its perpetuity. in this country, by the establishment of an American Episcopate, has long been an object of anxious concern to us, and to many of our brethren in other parts of this continent. The attainment of this object appears to have been hitherto obstructed by considerations of a political pature, which we conceive were founded in groundless jealousies and misapprehensions that can no longer be supposed to exist: and therefore, whatever may be the effect of independency on this country, in other respects, we presume it will be allowed to open a door for renewing the application to the spiritual governors of the Church on this head; an application which we consider as not only seasonable, but more than ever necessary at his time; because, if it be now any longer neglected, there is reason to apprehend that a plan of a very extraordinary nature, lately formed and published in Philadelphia, may be carried into execution. This plan is, in brief, to constitute a nominal Episcopate by the united suffrages of presbyters and laymen. The peculiar situa-tion of the Episcopal Churches in America, and the necessity of adopting some speedy remedy for the want of a regular Episcopate, are offered, in the publication here alluded to, as reasons fully sufficient to justify the scheme. Whatever influence this project may have on the minds of the ignorant or unprincipled part of the laity, or however it may, possibly, be countenanced by some of the Clergy in other parts of the country, we think it our duty to reject such a spurious substitute for Episcopacy, and, as far as may be in our power, to prevent its taking effect.

To lay the foundation, therefore, for a valid and

regular Episcopate in America, we earnestly entreat your Grace, that, in your Archi-Episcopal character, you will espouse the cause of our sinking Church, and, at this important crisis, afford her that relief on which her very existence depends, by consecrating a Bishop for Connecticut. The person whom we have prevailed upon to offer himself to your Grace, for that purpose, is the Reverend Doctor Samuel Seabury, who has been the Society's worthy Missionary for many years. He was born and educated in Connecticut—he is personally known to us—and we believe him to be every way well qualified for the Episcopal Office, and for the discharge of those duties peculiar to it, in the present trying and dangerous times.

All the weighty considerations which concur to enforce our request, are well known to your Grace; we therefore forbear to enlarge, lest we should seem to distrust your Grace's zeal in a cause of such acknowledged importance to the interests of religion. Suffer us then to rest in humble confidence that your Grace will hear and grant our petition, and give us the consolation of receiving, through a clear and uninterrupted channel, an Overseer in this part of the household of God.

That God may continue your life and health, make you, in His Providence, an eminent instrument of great and extensive usefulness to mankind in general, a lasting blessing to the Church over which you preside in particular; and that the present and future sons of the Church in America may have cause to record and perpetuate your name as their friend and spiritual father; and, when your sacred work is ended, that you may find it gloriously rewarded, is and shall be the devout prayer of the Clergy of Connecticut, by whose order (in Convention assembled) and in whose behalf, this letter is addressed to your Grace, by your Grace's most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed,)

Abraham Jarvis,

Minister of the Episcopal Church in Middletown,

and Secretary of the Convention.

[Doc. Hist., II, 214-216]

[To Dr. Samuel Seabury in London] Rev. and Dear Sir:

Since the receipt of your letters, addressed to the Clergy of Connecticut, we have, by your letter to the Rev. Mr. Leaming, a more explicit information of the difficulties suggested by the Bishops in England, and which appears to operate upon their minds against complying with our petition, and to their giving you Episcopal consecration.

The Clergy were immediately made acquainted with what you had written, and shortly after met at Wallingford. In Convention it was voted, that the leading members of both Houses of Assembly, which was then sitting at New Haven, should be conferred with, so far as the proposed difficulties had reference to the civil government. We, the subscribers, were appointed a Committee of Convention for the above purpose, and, as a Conventional answer to your letters, communicate to you the result of that conference, together with our opinion, and what we could do to obviate the objections made by the Bishops. Mr. Leaming and Mr. Hubbard conversed freely and fully with a number of the principal members of both Houses of Assembly, and collected their sentiments on the subject. They met with a degree of attention and candour beyond our expectation; and in respect of the need, the propriety, or the impropriety of our application to Government for the admission of a Bishop into the



State, their opinions appeared fully to coincide with

Your right, they said, is unquestionable. You, therefore, have our full concurrence for your enjoyment of what you judge essential to your Church. Was an act of Assembly expedient to your complete enjoyment of your own ecclesiastical constitution, we would freely give our vote for such an act. We have passed a law which embraces your Church, wherein are comprehended all the legal rights and powers intended by our Constitution to be given to any denomination of Christians. In that act is included all that you want. Let a Bishop come; by that act, he will stand upon the same ground that the rest of the Clergy do, or the Church at large. It was remarked, that there were some who would oppose and would labour to excite opposition among the people, who, unalarmed by any jealousies, will probably remain quiet. For which reason, it would be impolicy, both in us and them, for the Assembly to meddle at all with the business. The introduction of a Bishop on the present footing, without any thing more, in their opinion, would be the easiest and securest way in which it could be done, and we might be sure of his protection. This, they thought, must be enough to satisfy the Bishops and all concerned in the affair in England. We are further authorized to say, that the Legislature of the State would be so far from taking umbrage, that the more liberal part will consider the Bishops in this transaction as maintaining entire consistency of principle and character, and by so doing merit their commendation.

The Act above alluded to, you will receive inclosed in a letter from Mr. Leaming, attested by the Clerk of the lower House of Assembly. It is not yet published. The Clerk was so obliging as to copy it from the journals of the House. You were mentioned as the gentleman we had pitched upon. The Secretary of the State, from personal knowledge, and others, said things honorable and benevolent towards you. Now, if the opinion of the Governor and other members of the Council, explicitly given in entire agreement with the most respectable members among the Representatives, who must be admitted to be competent judges of their own civil polity, is reasonably sufficient to remove all scruples about the concurrence of the Legislature, we cannot imagine that objection will any longer have a place in the minds of the Archbishops. We now understand, as we suppose, the part which the Government established among us means to take in respect of religion in general, and the protection it will afford to the different denominations of Christians under which the subjects of it are classed: and the lowest construction, which is all we expect, must amount to a permission, that the Episcopal Church enjoy all the requisites of her polity, and have a Bishop to reside among them. We feel ourselves at some loss for a reply to the objection which relates to the limits and establishment of a Diocese, because the Government here is not Episcopal, and because we do not conceive a civil or legal limitation and establishment of a Diocese, essentially attached to the doctrine of Episcopacy, or the existence of a Bishop in the Church. The Presbyters who elect the Bishop, and the congregations to which they minister, may naturally direct his active superintendence and prescribe the acknowledged boundaries of his Diocese.

Under existing circumstances, and utterly unable to judge with any certainty what, in the course of Divine Providence, may be the future condition of the Church in this country, we can contemplate no other support

for a Bishop, than what is to be derived from voluntary contracts and subscriptions and contributions, directed by the good will and zeal of the members of a Church who are taught and do believe, that a Bishop is the chief minister in the kingdom of Christ on earth. Other engagements it is not in our power to enter into, than our best endeavours to obtain what our people can do, and we trust will continue to do, in proportion to the increase of their ability, of which we flatter ourselves with some favourable prospect. A Bishop in Connecticut must, in some degree, be of the primitive style. With patience and a share of primitive zeal, he must rest for support on the Church which he serves, as head in her ministrations, unornamented with temporal dignity, and without the props of secular power.

An Episcopate of this plain and simple character, amid the doubts and uncertainties which at present in a measure pervade every thing, we hope may pass unenvied, and its sacred functions be performed unobstructed. Should what we have now written be thought sufficient to do away the objections which have been advanced, as a bar to your consecration, yet if you cannot find yourself disposed to come to us under these circumstances, painful necessity must compel us to wait patiently, until Divine Providence shall open a door propitious to our wants. But in the mean time, with the help of God, we will not remit in our endeavours to persevere, and as far as in us lies, cherish this remnant of His Church.

We herewith transmit to you two copies of our letter, and two of the general testimonial, attested by the Secretary. Continuing fervently desirous of your success, and with our best wishes for your personal health and prosperity, we are in behalf of Convention, Your affectionate Brethren,

Jeremiah Leaming, Abraham Jarvis, Bela Hubbard.

From the original draft, without date; but most probably of Feb. 5, 1784.
[Doc. Hist., II, 224-227]

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Mar. 15, 1784, at Middletown, Corn. To Rev. Samuel Peters, London, Eng. Thanks him for being kind to his nephew, William Jarvis, when in London. Says many in the U.S. would like to see him. Reports hearing that Dr. Chandler is to be Bishop of Nova Scotia. (Original MS. in the Pierpont Morgan Library.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated May, 1784, at Middletown, Comn. To Rev. Dr. Abraham Beach, [?New Brumswick, N.J.]. Emphasizes the desire of Commecticut to retain the religious polity etc. of the Church of England. To that end it is seeking a valid Episcopate. Will take no step "until we know the issue of what we have already done." (Ptd. from a transcript.)

London, May 3d, 1784.

[To Abraham Jarvis:]
My Dear Sir:

I embrace an opportunity, by the way of Rhode Island, to address you as Secretary of the Convention, and to inform you that I have received a letter of the 5th of February, signed by yourself and my very good brethren Leaming and Hubbard, for which you all have my most hearty thanks. I am also to inform you that I wrote to you and them, as a Com-



mittee, on the 30th of April, under cover to Mr. Ellison, by a vessel bound to New York. (the ship Buccleugh) acknowledging the receipt of the letter above mentioned. Mine was a very hasty letter, but in it I acquainted you that I had shown your letter to the Archbishop of York. We were broken in upon by company, and he gave me no opinion on the letter; but desired that I would communicate it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to the Bishop of London, as soon as I conveniently could. I called, in my way, on the Bishop of Oxford, who has been very attentive to me, speaks his mind without reserve, and is communicative, and hears me with patience and candour; is much of a gentleman and a man of learning and business. He read the letter with attention; said he hardly thought it sufficient ground to proceed upon. I endeavoured to explain the arguments you had used, and to confirm them from the particular circumstances of the Church in Connecticut. He read the letter again, commended it, spoke handsomely of the gentlemen who wrote it, and of the Clergy of Connecticut, who so anxiously strove to perpetuate the Episcopal Church; said it would be a great pity that so much piety and zeal in so good a cause should not obtain the wished for object; that the letter certainly gave an opportunity for reconsidering the matter, and merited attentive deliberation; and that possibly he should yet come into the opinion of its writers. I am sorry that he leaves town next week, as I shall thereby lose the benefit of his advice and assistance.

From him I went to the Bishop of London, who is an amiable man, but very infirm, and I think his memory and other faculties are declining: he avoids business as much as possible. Having read the letter, he asked many questions, and when he fully apprehended the matter, he said he thought that every objection was removed on the part of the Connecticut Clergy, and that an Act of Parliament, which he thought might be easily obtained, would remove the impediment of the state oaths, and that he hoped the Archbishop of Canterbury would see the matter in the same light that he did.

The next morning I went to Lambeth, but missed of seeing his Grace. On the 1st of May I went again. His Grace's behaviour, though polite, I thought was cool and constrained. When he had read the letter, he observed that it was still the application only of the Clergy, and that the permission was only the permission of individuals, and not of the Legislature. I observed that the reasons why the Legislature had not been applied to were specified in the letter, and that they appeared to me to be founded in reason and good sense; that had his Grace demanded the concurrence of the Laity of the Church last autumn, it might easily have been procured. That it was the first wish, both of the Episcopal Clergy and Laity of Connecticut, to have an Episcopate through the clear and uninterrupted channel of the Church of England, and my first wish that his Grace and the Archbishop of York might be the instruments of its conveyance: but that if such difficulties and objections lay in the way as it was impossible to remove, it was but lost time for me to pursue it further: but that I hoped his Grace would converse with the Archbishop of York, and the Bishop of London on the subject. He said he certainly would as soon as he was able; but that he was then very unwell. I thought it was no good time to press the matter while the body and mind were not in perfect unison, and rose to withdraw, offering to leave the letter, as it might be wanted. "I will not," said he, "take the original from you, lest it should fare as the letter you brought from the Clergy of Connecticut

has fared. I left it with Lord North, when he was in office, and have never been able to recover it; but if you will favour me with copies of both letters, I shall be obliged to you." I promised compliance, and took my leave.

Dr. Chandler has been with him to-day on the subject of the Nova Scotia Episcopate, which, I believe, will be effected. His Grace introduced the subject of Connecticut, declared his readiness to do every thing in his power, complimented the Clergy of Connecticut and your humble servant, talked of an Act of Parliament, and mentioned that some young gentlemen from the Southern States, who were here soliciting orders, had applied to the Danish Bishops, through the medium of the Danish Ambassador at the Hague, upon a supposition that he was averse to conferring orders on them; but that the supposition was groundless, he being willing and ready to do it when it could be consistently done. These young gentlemen had met with every encouragement to tempt them to a voyage to Denmark.

Upon the whole you will perceive that your letter had done great service of itself; and it has enabled me to open a new battery, which I will mount with the heaviest cannon and mortars I can muster, and will play them as vigorously as possible.

I anxiously expect the next arrival from New York, in hopes I shall receive the act you refer to, respecting the Church in Connecticut, and which his Grace thinks will be necessary to enable him to proceed

I hope, my dear friend, that I shall be with you in the course of this summer, and be happy with you in the full enjoyment of our holy religion. Make my most affectionate regards to the Clergy, as you have opportunity. No one esteems them more, or loves them more than I do. They are the <u>salt</u> which must now preserve our Church from all decay, and in perfect health and soundness.

I shall wait on his Grace on Wednesday--this is Monday--and if I am fortunate enough to see him, shall put a note for you into the mail which will close on Wednesday night for New York.

Believe me to be your ever affectionate friend, And very humble Servant,

Samuel Seabury.

[Doc. Hist., II, 228-231]

London, May 24, 1784.

[To Abraham Jarvis:]
My dear Sir:

By the last packet I wrote to you as Secretary of the Episcopal Convention in Connecticut, under cover of Mr. Ellison at New York; and a day or two after, by a vessel to Rhode Island, under cover to Mr. Jona. Starr, of New London: both which letters, I flatter myself, will get safe to you. Since those letters, I have had two interviews with His Grace of Canterbury, the last this morning. He declares himself ready to do every thing in his power to promote the business I am engaged in; but still thinks that an act of Parliament will be necessary to enable him to proceed: and also, that the act of the Legislature of your state, which you mentioned would be sent me by Mr. Leaming, is absolutely necessary on which to found an application to Parliament. I pleased myself with the prospect of receiving a copy of that act by the last packet, the letters of which arrived here the 15th inst.; but great was my mortification, that no letter came to me from my good and ever dear



friends. What I shall do I know not, as the business is at a dead stand without it; and the Parliament is now sitting. If the next arrival does not bring it, I shall be at my wits' end. Send it, therefore, by all means, even after the receipt of this letter; or, if you have sent it, send a duplicate.

His Grace says he sees no reason to despair; but yet, that matters are in such a state of uncertainty, that he knows not how to promise any thing. He complains of the people in power; that there is no getting them to attend to any thing in which their own party interest is not concerned. This is certainly the worst country in the world to do business in. wonder how they get along at any rate. But if I had the act of your state which you refer to in your letter, I should be able to bring the matter to a crisis, and it would be determined one way or the other. And as it is attended with uncertainty whether I shall succeed here, I have, in two or three letters to Mr. Leaming, requested to know whether, in case of failure here, it would be agreeable to the Clergy in Connecticut, that I should apply to the nonjuring Bishops in Scotland, who have been sounded, and declare their readiness to carry the business into execution. I hope to receive instructions on this head by the next arrival; and, in the mean time, must watch occasions as they rise.

Believe me, there is nothing that is not base that I would not do, nor any risk that I would not run, nor any inconveniences to myself that I would not encounter, to carry this business into effect: and I assure you if I do not succeed, it shall not be my fault.

There is one piece of intelligence that we have heard from Nova Scotia, that gives me some uneasiness, viz: that Messrs. Andrews, Hubbard and Scovil are expected in Nova Scotia, this summer, with a large portion of their congregations. This intelligence operates against me: for, if these gentlemen cannot, or if they and their congregations do not choose to stay in Connecticut, why should a Bishop go there? I answer: one reason of their going is the hopes of enjoying their religion fully, which they cannot do in Connecticut without a Bishop.

I beg my most respectful regards may be made to the Clergy of Connecticut, and that they will believe me to be anxiously engaged in the fulfilment of their wishes, in the business of the Episcopate proposed.

Believe me to be, dear Sir,
Your hearty well-wisher, and
Very humble Servant,

Samuel Seabury.

[Doc. Hist., II, 231-233]

At a Convention of the Clergy of the Church of England of Connecticut holden at New Milford June 8, 1784—at the Rev^d Mr. Clarke's

Tuesday Even--Present Rev $^{\rm d}$ Messers Jer: Leaming Rich $^{\rm d}$ Clarke Rich $^{\rm d}$ Mansfield Roger Veits J. R. Marshall A. Jarvis

This Convention open'd and Rev^d Mr. Leaming was chosen president—Mr. Fog, who was appointed at the last Con: to preach the Sermon before this Con: not being arrived, it was thot desirable in case of his Failure, to appoint a Preacher in his place. The Rev^d Mr. L—g was accordingly chosen to preach the Sermon tomorrow, before the Con—

Mr. Jarvis was appointed to read prayers in the Morning, and if there a 2nd Sermon desired, to preach

in the afternoon. (Insert--Mr. Jarvis being unwel, Mr. Bostwick read in the Morng.)

Mr. Bostwick was appointed to read prayers--Afternoon--Mr. Moore preached & Mr. Bloomer read prayers.

The Committee appointed to carry into Executⁿ the Vote of Conventⁿ at Wallingford in Jany last, made th^r Report to this Conventⁿ of w^t they had done and read the letter they had written to Dr. S--y, whh was approved by the Conv: then the Conv: was adjourned by the Presid^t to Wed:

Wed: Morn: Rev^d Mr. Beach from N. Jersey, and Rev^d Mr. Bloomer & Moore from N. York, arrived, & joined this Conventⁿ--which met, and proceeded to Church-after Morng. Service, Notice was given that there would be Service in the Afternoon & Sermon w^d be prach'd by the Rev^d Mr. Moore--

Wed: Even. Con: was opened, and the Thanks of the Con: was returned to Mr. L--g & Mr. Moore for their excell^t Sermons this day delivered before them--

The Practice of the Candidates in constantly deliver^g their own Compositions, when they read divine Service, was considered, & the conven: came to this Resolution—that they do not approve of the Candidates deliver^g Sermons of their own compos: oftener than once in a Quarter of a Year, and that they be previously inspected & approved by a Clergyman—and further that this Con disapprove of the Candidates leaving the read^g Desk in any part of the Service they perform in public—and that each Candidate be furnished with a Copy of this Resolution—

Convention adjourned by the President to Thursday Morng.

Thursd: Convent: opened, and entered upon Business-- Messrs. Beach, Bloomer & Moore, as a Committee from a Conventⁿ of the Clergy of Pennsylvania, N. Jersey, N. York, held at New Brunswick, to this Convention, communicated the purport of their particular Business, which was to invite this Con. to enter into a Correspondence with them, for the setting a Uniformity in y^e Epis: Chh, & to meet them in a Conventⁿ proposed to be holden at N. Y. on the Tuesday after the Feast of S. Michael.

To whh this Con: agreed, and appointed Messr^S L--g [Leaming], M--d [Mansfield] and J--v [Jarvis], the committee to form a Plan, for such Settlement, and to report the same to the Conven: that will be held at N. H. the Time of the Commencement in Septem^r--

Then it was agreed to, that our next annual Conven: sh^d be at the Rev^d Bostwick in G. Barrington: and Mr. M--d was appointed to preach the Conven: Serm: in case Mr. Fogg, and Mr. Dibble who stand the next Preachers by a former appointment sh^d both fail in th^r Attend--e And then this Conven: was adjourned by the President.

A. Jarvis, Secretary.

[Hist. Mag., III, 56-64]

London, June 26th, 1784.

[To Abraham Jarvis:]
My Dear Sir:

I have now to inform you that I received on the 17th inst. Mr. Leaming's letter, inclosing the Act of the Legislature of Connecticut, respecting liberty of conscience in that State. Upon the whole, I think it a liberal one; and if it be fairly interpreted and abided by, fully adequate to all good purposes. I have had a long conversation with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and another with the Archbishop of York, on the Act. They seem to think the principal objec-



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tions are removed as far as you or I are concerned. They spoke handsomely of the Clergy of Connecticut. and declared themselves satisfied with your humble servant, whom the Clergy were pleased to recommend to them. But I apprehend there are some difficulties here that may not easily be got over. These arise from the restrictions the Bishops are under about consecrating without the King's leave, and the doubt seems to be about the King's leave to consecrate a Bishop who is not to reside in his dominions, and about the validity of his dispensing with the oath, in case he has power to grant leave of consecration. I have declared my opinion, which is, that as there is no law existing relative to a Bishop who is to reside in a foreign State, the Archbishops are left to the general laws of the Christian Church, and have no need either of the King's leave or dispensation. But the opinion of so little a man cannot have much weight. The Archbishop of Canterbury supposes that an Act of Parliament will be necessary; yet he wishes to get through the business, if possible, without it, and acknowledged that the opinion of the majority of the Bishops differed from his. The questions are referred to the Attorney and Solicitor General, and their opinion, should they agree, will, I presume, determine the point. This opinion, I hope, will be obtained in a short time, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to consult them. Should I know the result time enough, I will give it to you by the next packet, which will sail in a fortnight.

I have had opportunities of consulting some very respectable Clergymen in this matter, and their invariable opinion is, that should I be disappointed here, where the business had been so fairly, candidly and honourable pursued, it would become my duty to obtain Episcopal consecration wherever it can be had, and that no exception could be taken here at my doing so. The Scotch succession was named. It was said to be equal to any succession in the world, &c. There I know consecration may be had. But with regard to this matter, I hope to hear from you in answer to a letter I wrote Mr. Leaming, I think in April. Should I receive any instructions from the Clergy of Connecticut, I shall attend to them; if not, I shall act according to the best advice I can get, and my own judgment.

Believe me, there is nothing I have so much at heart as the accomplishment of the business you have entrusted to my management; and I am ready to make every sacrifice of worldly consideration that may stand in the way of its completion.

I am, Rev. Sir, with the greatest esteem, Your and the Clergy's most obedient Servant, Samuel Seabury.

[Doc. Hist., II, 233-234]

CLERCY CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN. Dated Sept. 9, 1784, at New Haven, Conn. To the General Convention at New York. Acknowledges the invitation to participate in the N.Y. convention and urges that matters concerning Church government be postponed until a Bishop can be had. Sends John Rutgers Marshall to represent Conn. Signed by Abraham Jarvis for the Clergy of Conn.

LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated Oct. 5, 1784, at Stratford, Conn. To Samuel Farmar, Amboy. Asks to have the furniture put into a stone near Peck's Slip. Says he has also desired Mr. Ellison to put certain goods in his possession "into a stone thereabouts." Mentions Miss Harmah Peck, "Chrisy" (?Christine), Nancy Jarvis and Abraham Jarvis.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated 1785. Record book of his receipts from the S.P.G. from 1749 through 1785. (Filed under the last date.)

SEABURY, BP. SAMUEL. Dated June 29, 1785, at New London, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Conn. Writes regarding the time and place for his first meeting with the clergy of the Diocese. (Location uncertain.)

 $\operatorname{Aug}^{\mathsf{t}}$ 2, 1785 At a Conventⁿ of the Clergy of the Chh. of England at Middleton, present,

Rev^d Mess^{rs} Leaming Jarvis
Mansfield Bowden
Scovil Clarke
Andrews Bostwick
Hubbard Tyler

 ${\tt Mess^{rs}}$ Ben: Moore from New York & Mr. Parker from Boston joined us.

The Conven. was opened and the Rev. Mr Leaming

was chosen president.

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The right reve^d Dr. S. Seabury attended upon this Con. and his Letters of Consec: being requested by the same; they were produced and read, whereby it appeared to this Con: that he hath been duly & canonically consecrated a Bishop by the Bishops of the Epis: Chh: in Scotland.

Augt 3d 8 o.Clock A. M. Conven: met. after the Address of the Cler: to the Bishop was reconsidered by the Conven: & approved, the Clergy repaired to the Chh. and appointed 4 of their Body to return to the parsonage, & Mr. Jarvis, in the name of the Clergy, declared to the Bp. their Confirmatⁿ of their former Election of him, & that they now acknowleg^d & rec^d him their Bp.

Then the Bp. return'd his Answ^r of Acceptance & proceeded with them to the Chh-Being introduced into Chh. & seated in his Chair in the Altar. the Cler at the Rails; their address to him was read by Mr. Hubbard, after whh the Bp. read his Answer-and gave the Apostolical Blessing-then the Clergy retired to th^r pews. And the Bp. began D. Service whye Litany, accords to the Rubrick in the Office for Ordination of Deacons: The four follows persons, Mess^{rs} Vandyke, Shelton, Baldwin, of Connec. & Mr. Fergusson of Maryland, being present to be admitted into the Order of Deacons-

The Litany being ended, Mr. Bowden read the first Communⁿ Service. The Bishop then read the Service, consecrated the Elements & administered the Bread, Mr. Bowden assisted by administering the Cup. The Communⁿ finished, the Bp. then proceeded to the Ordination. Mr. Jarvis officiated as ArchDeacon--after the Ordinatⁿ a Sermon was preached by the Rev^d Mr. Leaming. The Congregatⁿ was dismiss'd by the Bp.--from Chh. the Clergy preceded by the Bp returned to the parsonage. Mr. Jarvis by order of the Conven: gave the thanks of the same to Mr. Leaming for his Sermon delivered before them, with their desire of a copy of it to be printed.

The Bp. then dissolv'd the Conventⁿ, & directed the Clergy to meet him at 5 o'clock in Convocation—They met accordingly, & the Convocatⁿ was adjourned to the next Morn8 Thursday 9 o'Clock—A. M.

Thursdy 4th--Met--at 11 o'c A. M. went to Chh. Mr. Parker read prayers, and Mr. Moore preachd a Sermon. after which the Bp delivered a Charge to the Clergy--

P. M. Mr. Parker communicated to the Convocatⁿ the purport of his Delegation from the Clergy in the State of Massachusetts; viz to collect the Sentiments



of the Connect Clergy in respect of Dr. Seabury's episcopal Consecratⁿ, the Regulat^{ns} of his episcopal Jurisdictⁿ, and their thots of connecting themselves with them, under his Episcopal Charge. The Clergy of Conn: expressed th^r warmest Wishes for the Union & concurrence of th^r Breth^{rn} in Massachusetts und^r Bp. Seabury--

Frid^y 5th. After appointing Mr. Bowden, Mr. Parker & Mr. Jarvis as a Committee to consider of & make some Alterat^{ns} in the Liturgy needful for the present Use of the Chh, the Conventⁿ adjourned to meet ag^n at

New Haven in Septr--

Sundy 7. Mr. Colin Ferguson was ordain'd priest, Mr. Parker, Mr. Bowden & Mr. Jarvis attended the Ordinatⁿ as presbyters. Mr. Thom^S Fitch Oliver, from Providence, Rhode Island, was ordain'd Deacon on the same Day--

[ORDER OF SERVICE]

1. at 10. the Clerg: proceed to Chh.

- 2. 4 Cler: deputed to acquaint Bp. S. of y^e of Cler: do now Confirm the form Electn-to recognize him as th^r Bp.
- 3. 2 Cler: to return wh his answ $^{\rm r}$ of Acceptance the other two follow after wh the Bp--
- 4. the presid^t y^e Add of y^e Clergy at the Altar--

5. the Bp. return his $Answ^r$ --

- 6. The Cler:, kneeling receive the apostolic Bless8--
- 7. The Bp. proceed to the Litany.
- 8. Mr. Bowden read the first Communⁿ Service.

9. the Sermon.

10. the Offertory & Administn by the Bp--

11. Ordinath.

I N. M. do declare that the Book of Common Prayer, & Ordering of Bishops, Priests, & Deacons, of the Church of England, contains in it nothing contrary to the Word of God, & that it may lawfully be so used; & that I myself will, so far as shall be consistent with the alteration necessary to be made on account of the civil constitutions of the State in which I shall live, use the form in the said book prescribed, in Public prayer, & administration of the Sacraments, and none other, unless in Obedience to competent ecclesiastical Authority; And I do make & subscribe this declaration willingly & ex animo & in the presence of Alm. God do promise to observe it faithfully.
[Hist. Mag., III, 56-64]

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated 1786, at Middletown, Conn. Sermon on Hebrews 9:26. Also preached at Oyster River, Dec. 30, 1804; at New Haven, Apr. 2, 1806; at New Haven, Apr. 10, 1808.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 16, 1786, at Middletown, Conn. Sermon on Acts 2:47. Preached throughout Conn. (1786-1802) and once at Elizabethtown, N.J. (Sept. 27, 1789).

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Oct., 1786, at Middletown, Comn. To a Presbyter in Comn. Writes on the desirability of a thorough revision of canons and rubrics to bring the use in Conn. in line with American necessities.

A special Convocation held at Wallingford Feby 27. 1787.-- Present--

Right Reverend Bishop Seabury Presbyters Rev^d Mess^{rs}

Leaming Mansfield Scovil Hubbard Jarvis Shelton
Clarke Baldwin
Marshal Andrews
Bowden Viets
Deacons Perry
Ives
Brownson

Upon an Application made by the Church at Ripton to the Clergy in Convocation, that they would supply their Church, which is become vacant by the death of the Rev⁴ M^r Newton-- It was agreed to give them the Service of a Sunday by the Clergy in their Turns--

Wed: 28. Mr Marshall inform d ye Convocath of an Invitation that he had recd from the Chh's of Milford & West. H. to remove to Mil: & take the Cure of those Churches, and wish'd to know, in case he shd agree with them whether it wd meet with the Approbation of the Bp. & the Concurrence of the Prests for his removal— The Bp. & Convoc: declared they had no Objection—

Upon a Motion, agreed that no person shall be admitted to Deacon's Orders, without he has a Title from some particular Church to present to the Bishop, engaging to receive him for their Minister, and to provide for his decent Support--

Upon Motion made--Agreed that the Liturgy of the Chh of England be accommodated to the present Situation of the Church in Connecticut, and Revd Mess's Leaming, Mansfield & Hubbard, were appointed to attend Bp Seabury in order to make the necessary Arrangements, to be laid before the Convocation to be held at Stamford on Wednesday in Whitsunday Week--

The securing the episcopal Succession to the Church of England in Connecticut, was taken into Consideration, and it was agreed that one of this Body be elected to go to Scotland to obtain Consecration, that the episcopal Office may be cannonically transferred. The Convocatⁿ then proceeded to a Choice. Rev. Jer. Leaming was chosen. Declined—They proceeded to 2. Choice. The Rev. Richd Mansfield was chosen. Declined—The 3. Choice was the Rev. Bela Hubbard—Declined—The 4. Choice was Rev. Abraham Jarvis, who suspended his Answer until the next Convocation—

[Ch. of Eng. in Pre-Revol. Conn., 237]

At a Convocation held at Stamford, May the $30^{\mbox{th}}$ 1787 Present

The Rt Revd BP Seabury

Revd Messrs

Leaming Tyler
Dibblee Marshal
Mansfield Presbyters Bowden
Jarvis Shelton
Hubbard Baldwin

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Congregations of Branford, Guilford, Cohabit & Killingsworth to unite, & to give an Invitation to a Clergyman to settle with them,

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Congregations of North Haven, Wallingford, Cheshire & Bethany to associate, & invite a Clergyman to settle with them.

& That it be recommended to the Churches of Reading, Danbury, & Ridgefield to unite for the Purpose of settling a Clergyman.

That it be recommended to the Congregations of New Cambridge & Northbury to associate & settle a Minister

& That it be recommended to Salisbury, Sharon, Canaan & Cornwal to form a Connection & settle a



Clergyman

& That it be recommended to New Milford, New Preston, New Fairfield, Kent & Washington to unite & settle a Minister.

That it be recommended to Ripton to settle a Minister as soon as possible, & to Tashaway to associate with the Church at Ripton, upon the Settlement of a Minister, the Limits of the former to extend to the dividing Line between Stratford & Fairfield. In-the mean-Time-it-is-recommended-to-the-People-of-Tashaway to-remain-under-the-Gure-of-MT-Shelton

Resolved that Mr Jarvis & Mr Bowden be a Committee to draw up a Circular Letter, conveying the above Resolutions to the respective Associations.

Resolved that it be requested from these associated Societies to give to the Bishop as speedy an Answer as possible of their Determination, in Respect to the above Resolutions, & also to inform him what Support they will afford a Clergyman, & in the mean time to endeavour to find a proper person to be their minister.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different Churches to procure Surplices for their Ministers.

The next Convocation to be held at New Lond: on the $20^{\frac{r}{L}}$ of $\text{Sep}^{\frac{r}{L}}$

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LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated June 17, 1788, at Stratford, Conn. To Samuel Farmar, Merchant, New York. Says he has received the copy of Hannah Peck's will. Suggests that Jarvis discharge the debt to Peter Clopper as soon as conveniently can be done. As for the debt of Jarvis to himself (Leaming), he has no interest in the house at Pot Bake Hill but prefers cash. Reports that Hannah Peck owed him more than Jarvis supposes and lists the principal charges. Encloses a letter for Dr. Thomas Bradbury Chandler. Mentions Mr. Ellison.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM + JOHN BOWDEN. Dated <u>ca</u>. 1790. Headed: "The Clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, to the Members of the said Church, greeting." On creating a fund for the support of the Bishop.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated May 1, 1790, at New York, N.Y. Indenture between Abraham Jarvis, Ann his wife, Christian Marshall, Hamnah Farmar, Thomas Farmar and Elizabeth his wife (on the one part) and Rachel Farmar (on the other). Orig. MS. in NYPL.

LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated May 28, 1792, at New York, N.Y. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown. Favored by Miss Starr. Writes about a slave named Tamar and on servants (black and white) in general. Desires to know when he and Nancy Jarvis will come to N.Y. Mentions the smallpox. (Original in the Conn. State Library.)

HUNTINGTON, ENOCH. Dated Nov. 30, 1792, at Middletown, Comm. To Abraham Jarvis. Extracts from the church records of the First Church and Society in Middleton, listing its earlier pastors: Nathaniel Collins (d. Dec. 28, 1684), Noadiah Russel (d. Dec. 3, 1713), William Russell (d. June 1, 1761).

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Feb. 5, 1793, at Middletown, Comm. To Samuel Parker, Trinity Church, Boston, c/o Capt. George Starr. Introduces Capt. Starr, who visits Boston to enrol his daughter in a boarding

school there. The girl will probably worship at Trinity Church. Reports hearing from Mr. Clarke that P. had secured the Morning and Evening services altered for printing to accommodate the folio Prayer Book to present use. Mentions other liturgical matters. Regrets P. was unable to attend the last Diocesan Convention. Some matters would have been different "had we had a good representation from Massachusetts and Hampshire." Sends his compliments to Dr. Waller.

LEAMING, JEREMIAH. Dated Feb. 12, 1794, at New York. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, c/o Col. Philips. Reports that J's father and Crissy are better and that he himself will soon be up and about. Encloses as a gift a bond from Cornwell for J. to manage to his own advantage. Suggests taking as much money as needed for a maid for Nancy Jarvis. Says J's aumt knows and approves. She is feeble. Endorsed: "Capt. Fairchild came here from New York, with 700 Dollars...from DY Leaming...."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Mar. 17, 1794, at Middletown. To Jonathan Denny. A statement of money due Jarvis: Church taxes (1789-1792) and interest on two notes.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 5, 1794, at Middletown. To Major Robert Warner. Receipt for his church tax on the list of 1789. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

HUBBARD, BELA. Dated Sept. 23, 1795, at New Haven. To Abraham Jarvis. Encloses from Bp. Seabury a form to be used when one is required to pray with the General Assembly. (For a ptd. leaflet containing these prayers, see Samuel Seabury's Ungathered Imprints, p. 84.

SEABURY, SAMUEL. Dated Oct. 31, 1795, at New Haven. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown. Ptd. letter about the agreement of the clergy to assist in the education of fourteen-year-old Harry Bostwick and calls for contributions.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Dec. 22, 1795. To Jonathan Denny. Bill for church tax (1793) and interest on two notes.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 4, 1796, at Middletown. To Samuel Peters, 53 Westsmithfield, London, Eng. On the death of Bp. Seabury, on P's chances of being approved as Bishop-elect of Vermont, and on some of his impolitic utterances. (MS. owned by the Glebe House.)

BALDWIN, ASHBEL + WILLIAM SMITH and PHILO SHELTON. Dated July 6, 1797, at Stratford, Comm. To Bp. William White, Philadelphia. As the Committee on the arrangements for the forthcoming Consecration of Abraham Jarvis, they are writing Bishops White, Provoost and Bass as possible consecrators and suggesting St. Luke's Day, Oct. 18 at New Haven.

BALDWIN, ASHBEL. Dated July 20, 1797, at Stratford, Comn. To Bp. William White. Thanks W. for his reply and reports that Jarvis's testimonials have been forwarded to Samuel Parker in Boston.

SMITH, WILLIAM + PHILO SHELTON and ASHBEL BALDWIN. Dated July 25, 1797, at Norwalk, Conn. To Bp. William



White. On Jarvis's testimonials and where they have been sent.

BALDWIN, ASHBEL. Dated Aug. 8, 1797, at Stratford, Conn. To Bp. William White. Writes on the Committee's mistake of confusing the Hon. William Smith with the Rev. Dr. William Smith of Phila. in sending out Jarvis's testimonials. Hopes the Committee has now met the requirements of the canons.

BALDWIN, ASHBEL. Dated Aug. 22, 1797, at Stratford, Comn. To Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Comn. Reports further in behalf of the Committee on the Consecration of the Bishop-elect. Gives his own and Philo Shelton's schedules and mentions John Bowden and Ambrose Todd. Refers to the plan for "removing" Bp. Seabury, now in Jarvis's hands.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Oct. 18, 1797, at New Haven. Printed copy of his Charge to the Clergy of his Diocese (ptd. at Newfield, 1798) together with the Convention's "Address" to Bp. Jarvis and the Bishop's "Answer."

BALDWIN, ASHBEL et alii. Dated Oct. 19, 1797, at New Haven, Corm. To Bp. William White. The Committee on Bp. Jarvis's consecration thanks W. for his gracious services in New Haven. Besides Baldwin the Committee finally consisted of Wm. Smith, Philo Shelton, John Cannon, Philip Nichols and Eli Curtiss.

FARMAR, THOMAS. Dated Nov. 28, 1797, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Conn. Reports on friends, family and finances. Appreciates learning that Mr. Leaming and Mrs. Jarvis are well. Mrs. Ellison has the asthma. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

FARMAR, ELIZABETH. Dated May 3, 1798, at New York. To Hamnah (Peck) Jarvis (Mrs. Abraham), c/o Bp. Jarvis, Middletown, Conn. Discusses melancholy news. Suggests that if they can leave Uncle Learning, the Jarvises should come to N.Y. immediately before warm weather. Suggests arranging for mourning apparel in N.Y. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM et alii. Dated May 9, 1798, at Middletown. Testimonial in favor of Calvin White based on his two-year ministry in Middletown. Signed by Jarvis, Ichabod Wetmore, Ashbel Burnham, George Starr, George Phillips, John Osborn, Stephen Ranney and Asahel Johnson.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated May 16, 1798, at Middletown. To Rev. Calvin White, Bloomfield, Newark, N.J. Sends as an enclosure a testimonial signed by himself and seven laymen (wardens and vestrymen), hoping that W. will be able to use it, despite the delay in mailing it. The bishop White has found a parish "in the Jerseys."

OGDEN, UZAL + WALTER C. GARDINER and JOHN CROES. Dated June 1, 1798, at Newark, N.J. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Conn., c/o Calvin White. Standing Committee testimonial in behalf of Calvin White.

NEWARK, N.J.: TRINITY CHURCH. Dated June 1, 1798, at Newark, N.J. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown. Testimonial in favor of Calvin White, signed by Uzal Ogden, Moses Ogden, Ebenezer Ward, Jasper Ten Brook, Samuel Ogden, Evelyn Kingsland, Joseph Kingsland and John P. Sandford.

OGDEN, SAMUEL. Dated June 4, 1798, at Newark, N.J. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, c/o Rev. Calvin White. Says White brings a recommendation from the congregation and vestry of Trinity Church, Newark. Asks that he may receive Orders. Vouches for White's character.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 8, 1798, at Norwalk, Corm. To Hon. James Hillhouse, Philadelphia. Encloses an address or petition which he asks H. to present. "The episcopal Clergy of this State do not wish to take any part in the public affairs of government, that is not immediately connected with their professional character, and not essential to the regular and faithful performance of their office in inculcating on the people of their charge, the social and moral duties of religion." Says they have "unfeigned benevolence" to the existing government. (In Hist. MSS. Room at Yale Univ. Lib., in Hillhouse Family papers.)

ABERCROMBIE, JAMES. Dated Aug. 1, 1798, at Philadelphia, Pa. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown. Writes on behalf of the General Convention to ask each Diocesam or Standing Committee for an accurate list of the Episcopal clergymen in the U.S. with their residences and connections.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated <u>ca</u>. Sept., 1798, at ?Middletown. To Pres. John Adams, ?Philadelphia, Pa. Writes in behalf of the clergy and lay delegates "in Convention assembled," expressing "our affectionate attachment to the Laws and constituted Authorities of the Government under which we live. Affairs of State, Sir, are never the subject of our discussion; yet at this important crisis, we do not consider it improper to certify the Chief Magistrate of the United States, that we entertain a grateful sense of the numerous blessings, both civil and religious, which we enjoy. Whilst a desolating war rages among the nations of Europe [French Revolution etc.], and daily threatens to involve us in all its calamities. We believe, Sir, that unity...will prove our strongest shield of defence." Says the Episcopal Church "will use our best endeavors to promote unity of opinion, respect for the laws, and reverence for all that are in authority over us...." (From The Corm. Journal, New Haven, Jan. 31, 1799, cols. 1-2.)

CHESHIRE, CONN.: ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Dated Sept. 3, 1798, at Cheshire. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of the candidacy of Ezra Bradley. Signed by Reuben Ives (Rector), Alvan Bradley and Russell Pierpont (Wardens of the Church in Hamden).

BARTLETT, HENRY (of Guilford). Dated Oct. 11, 1798, at Middletown. To Abraham Jarvis. A deed of land in Middlefield Parish, Middletown.

ADAMS, JOHN (Pres. of the U.S.). Dated late in 1798, at ?Philadelphia. To Abraham Jarvis, acting for the Diocesan Convention. Thanks the Convention for its letter sent by Senator Hillhouse of Corm. Appreciates the Church's "attachment to the Laws and constituted Authorities"—as well as its "demonstration of candor, moderation and liberality" as well as a "grateful sense...of the numerous blessings of civil and religious liberty...." (From The Corn. Journal, New Haven, Jan. 31, 1799, p. 3, col. 2.)



THATCHER, GAMALIEL. Dated June 6, 1799, at Stratfield, Conn. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Asks to be enrolled as a candidate for Orders.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 7, 1799, at Stratfield, Conn. To Ezra Kirtland (Treasurer of "the Church of Stratfield"). A receipt for six dollars.

MARSH, TRUMAN. Dated Oct. 9, 1799, at New Milford, Corm. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Corm. Mentions contemplating going to Litchfield. Says he knows J. disapproves of "frequent removals of the Clergy," especially for lucrative reasons, which do not apply in his case. Says his family has greatly suffered with the fever pervading New Milford because of surrounding stagnant waters. Says nothing less than this would induce him to leave. Thinks he can end the "unhappy divisions" in Litchfield, having already created a single society. Begs J's approval. Says sickness has prevented his applying to J. in person.

OGDEN, SAMUEL. Dated Dec. 11, 1799, at Newark, N.J. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Middletown, Conm., c/o Rev. Calvin White. Being concerned about the peace of N.J., he sends pamphlets containing the minutes of the N.J. state conventions and describing the contest over electing a bishop. Emphasizes the legitimate procedures in electing Dr. Uzal Ogden. Discusses Ogden's opponents and the false rumors they circulate. Urges J. to examine the pamphlets and then give them to the Standing Committee.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Dated Jan. 10, 1800, at Norwalk. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Transmits for J's perusal a copy of his Second Letter to Elder Lee on the time of the Nativity, containing the evidence for his position. Assails the Evangelical Watchman for not defending the Faith. Hopes this Second Letter will be as acceptable as the First. Then he reports the unhappy situation in the Norwalk parish-largely the creation of a lay pope named Thomas Belden, who, with his nephew, "from a very early period" has sought "to render my ministry of little consequence in this parish." Speaks of possibly accepting a post at St. Croix. If so, he will leave two of his sons at Dr. Bowden's Episcopal Academy. Promises soon to report on the matter of Dr. Uzal Ogden and the New Jersey episcopal election.

SMITH, WILLIAM + PHILO SHELTON and ASHBEL BALDWIN. Dated Jan. 14, 1800, at Norwalk. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire. Deliberation of the Standing Committee on the controversial election of Dr. Uzal Ogden to the episcopate of New Jersey. They desire J's opinion before they draw up a final report.

DENNY, JONATHAN. Dated Feb. 22, 1800, at ?Middle-town Tavern. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Conn. Sends disagreeable news that Capt. Charles Magill's estate is to be attached. Says Mrs. Sarah Magill urges J. to attach it directly himself in order to redeem the notes and satisfy other demands J. has against it.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Sept. 16, 1800, at Cheshire, Conn. To Rev. Dr. Abraham Beach, New York. Says the Rev. Seth Hart is interested in either of the two vacancies created by John Henry Hobart's election to the assistantship of Trinity Church, N.Y.C., and Elijah Dunham Ratoone's removal to St. Mark's. Commends

Hart, who is now in N.Y.C. and hopes for his success there.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Oct. 7, 1800, at Cheshire, Conn. To Thomas Farmar, Merchant, 46 Broadway, New York. Acknowledges F's letter of Aug. 26. Supposes there is time enough to repair the house that has been too long neglected. Asks to be informed of the expense, which he hopes will not exceed the quarter's rent. Asks to be remembered to Mrs. Ellison and Mrs. Farmar. (MS. in the Conn. State Lib.)

FARMAR, THOMAS. Dated Mar. 16, 1801, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Conn. On financial matters and J's New York property. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 2, 1801, at Cheshire, Conn. To Thomas Farmar, Merchant, 46 Broadway, New York. Replies to F's letter of Mar. 16. Comments on the mail route. Will trust F's judgment on the repairs to his houses. Discusses their expense as investments. Mentions Mrs. J. as having a share therein. (MS. in the Conn. State Lib.)

FARMAR, THOMAS. Dated Apr. 7, 1801, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Comm. Reports on the water lot at Peck's Slip and on that in Pearl Street. Sends greetings from the New York family.

GREAT BARRINGION, MASS.: EPISCOPAL SOCIETY.
Dated May 26, 1801, at Great Barrington, Mass. To
Bp. Abraham Jarvis and the Diocesan Clergy. A petition for the services of the Rev. Bethuel Judd.

LENOX, MASS.: EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Dated May 30, 1801, at Lenox, Mass. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Ask that Bethuel Judd, now of Woodbury, may be permitted, under the direction of Clergy assembled in Convention, to take charge of the Lenox church. Say that they fear disintegration of the parish if help is not soon given. Signed by Jared Bradley, Clerk; Samuel Dunbar and Jesse Bradley.

LENOX, MASS.: EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Dated May 30, 1801, at Lenox, Mass. To the Convention of the Episcopal Church. The Committee on supply preaching at Lenox (Jared Bradley, Azariah Egleston and Clark Baldwin) certify that they have appointed Capt. Jesse Bradley to wait on Bp. Jarvis and the Diocesan Convention in June in the hope of securing Bethuel Judd to settle in Lenox or engage to preach there, sharing his time with the Episcopal Society in Great Barrington.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 13, 1801, at Cheshire, Corm. To Rev. Tillotson Brumson, St. John's Church, Waterbury. Mentions hearing that the Rev. Stanley Griswold, a Congregationalist of New Milford, is to exchange churches with B. on July 26. Says that such an irregularity is unthinkable. "A presbyter of our church carmot consistently put his office upon a par, in exchange of the duties of it, with a congregational Teacher. He carmot give up his Church...to an unauthorised person, who will... substitute in the place of the liturgy his own conceived devotions." Having expressed his strong sentiments, Jarvis assumes that "nothing of the above nature will take place."

FARMAR, THOMAS. Dated Nov. 10, 1801, at New



York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Com. Says the distressing news was delayed in reaching him.
"I feel much for you; it...requires more firmness than our nature has formed us to support." Says "we should not grieve for our departed friend...who is removed from misery to happiness." Mentions Samuel Farmar Jarvis and the New York family. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Nov. 11, 1801. To Christ Church, Hartford. Certificate of consecration of Christ Church, Hartford, the instrument of dedication having been presented to Jarvis by John Morgan, church warden.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Feb. 19, 1802, at Cheshire. To Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, Lebanon, Conn. On the date for the State Fast and the desirability of having it coincide with Good Friday.

TRUMBULL, JONATHAN (Gov. of Conn.). Dated Mar. 15, 1802, at Lebanon, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Conn. Acknowledges J's letter of Feb. 19, previous to receiving which he had fixed on Apr. 16 for the General Fast and sent his proclamation to press accordingly, assuming that Good Friday would be observed by the Episcopal Churches here and abroad on that day.

RUMSEY, THOMAS. Dated May 16, 1802, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Conn. Reports the death of his grandmother on May 12. Mentions other family details. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

STARR, JONATHAN JARED. Dated June 24, 1802, at New London. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Conn. Asks J. to draw on him for \$16 every March, it being interest on a fund left in his hands by Bp. Seabury for the benefit of his successor. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

BARBER, DANIEL. Dated Aug. 30, 1802, at Claremont, N.H. To Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, c/o Mr. Farnham. Thanks J. for the letter of July 17. Says that on Aug. 18 the Convention resolved to put N.H. under J's pastoral care, appointing Gen. Morris and himself as a committee to address J. on the subject. Says the church in N.H. has no constitution and would be grateful for suggestions from J. Introduces the bearer, Abram (or Abraham) Farnham, a layman who has helped greatly with the many vacant churches. Hopes J. will be impressed by him and take the N.H. situation under his consideration.

MERRIAM, CLEMENT. Dated Oct. 13, 1802, at Newport, R.I. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire, Conn. Reports that because of the illness of the Rector at Trinity Church for many months and because he (the schoolmaster) has had to take services etc., he has been relieved of duties as schoolmaster. Writes in behalf of the Vestry in the hope that J. may recommend a schoolmaster. Says he believes Mr. Dehon is in Boston and not available for conducting Church services this coming winter. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

BARBER, DANIEL. Dated Dec. 9, 1802, at Claremont, N.H. To Abraham Jarvis, Cheshire. Says they have been anxious to hear from J. with regard to the petition of the N.H. churches for him to take charge. Hopes J. will enable him to answer the many requests being daily directed to him. Says N.H. desires to

establish a union with Conn. They will call a special convention when they hear from him.

FARMAR, THOMAS. Dated Jan. 19, 1803, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. On repairs scheduled for one of the Bishop's houses in New York. Mentions financial matters. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

BARBER, DANIEL. Dated Feb. 25, 1803, at Claremont, N.H. To Rev. Reuben Ives, Cheshire, Comn. Reports that Bp. J. has not answered the petition of the N.H. Convention or Barber's personal letter. Asks Ives to confer with him and advise by mail. Mentions a son who wishes to teach school near a church. Would appreciate hearing of any opportunities in Comn. Discusses the state of the Church in N.H. Mentions (?lottery) tickets for the benefit of the Episcopal academy. Asks for the date of the next Diocesan convention.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Apr. 1, 1803. To Abraham Jarvis. Recommendation that Deacon Abraham Brownson be admitted to the priesthood. Signed by Ashbel Baldwin, Philo Shelton, Ambrose Todd and Tillotson Bronson.

MANSFIELD, RICHARD et alii. Dated May 17, 1803. To Abraham Jarvis. Petition stating the belief of the undersigned that the parishes currently employing Ammi Rogers as their Rector have acted in good faith and requesting that Ammi Rogers 'may take his seat in the convention & become one of our number.' Signed by Richard Mansfield, Solomon Blakesley, John Tyler', Ambrose Todd, Joseph Warren and [Manoah] Smith Miles. (A true copy.)

RUSSELL, SAMUEL + ISAAC HOADLEY. Dated May 28, 1803, at Branford, Conn. To Bp. Jarvis and Conn. Clergy meeting in Convention at Danbury on the first Wed. in June. Writes in behalf of the parishes of Branford, Northford, East Haven and Wallingford to support Ammi Rogers.

WARD, JOHN. Dated May 30, 1803, at Litchfield. To Abraham Jarvis. Requests to be considered a candidate for Holy Orders.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 14, 1803, at New Haven. To whom it may concern. Power of attorney for Thomas Lawrance of New York to handle dividends on his shares of the Manhattan Company.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 14, 1803, at New Haven. To Thomas Lawrence, 83 Cherry Street, New York. Acknowledges L's letter of June 1. Sends him a power of attorney to supersede one issued earlier to Capt. Farmar.

MEETING OF EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF BRANFORD, EAST HAVEN, NORTHFORD, DURHAM AND WALLINGFORD. Dated June 15, 1803, at Wallingford. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. With Capt. Samuel Russell, moderator, and Moses S. Beach, clerk: voted that a person from each society would accompany Ammi Rogers to confer with the Bishop "on any subject that may concern the Rev. Mr Rogers or these parishes." Voted to ask J. to meet with the delegation on Wed. June 22 in New Haven at eleven o'clock. The Committee consisted of Ephraim Cook (Wallingford), Thetus Todd (Northford), Ichabod Bishop (East Haven) and Manoah Camp (Durham).



JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 24, 1803, at New Haven. To Dr. Abraham Beach, New York. Says Ammi Rogers must bring testimonials from the Bishop and clergy (or Standing Committee) of N.Y. before he can be a resident minister in Conn. Mentions Rogers's behavior at the last convention, sending this information on to N.Y. so that Bp. Moore will know how to

OGDEN, UZAL. Dated July 28, 1803, at Newark, N.J. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven or West Haven. Mentions the improper behavior of Churchmen in N.J. Tells of his duties in his parish and of an attempt to remove him from his rectorship for inability to perform them. Speaks of differences of opinion among his Vestry. The attendance at his three churches is excellent.

BUTLER, DAVID. Dated Aug. 3, 1803, at Reading, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven, Conn. Says Daniel Burhans is alarmed at the threats of Ammi Rogers and at parishes in the Diocese that continue to open their doors to him. Says the Convocation does not have to accept him. Quotes Richard Mansfield on Rog-ers as an imprudent man capable of disgracing the goverrment of the Church. Understands that Bp. Moore has certified that Rogers was in good standing when he left N.Y., no complaint ever having been lodged against tee). Dated Jan. 17, 1804, at New York. To Abraham him. Fortunately for Corn., the Standing Committee of Jarvis and Corn. Clergy. Testimonial in favor of N.Y. did not so certify him. 'We must expect in these Ammi Rogers. Says he faithfully attended conventions him. Fortunately for Corm., the Standing Committee of N.Y. did not so certify him. 'We must expect in these loose unprincipled times, when all rightful authority ...is ridiculed and trampled upon to find ourselves slandered and mocked at while we oppose the torrent of licentiousness which is rolling down upon us." Announces that he will take a three-week journey and be absent from his parish for three weeks.

BEACH, ABRAHAM. Dated Aug. 5, 1803, at New York. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven, c/o Rev. Dr. John Bowden. Thanks J. for information about Ammi Rogers. Has learned that Richard Mansfield and Ambrose Todd have applied to Bp. Moore to learn of any accusations against Rogers. Says no formal complaint has ever been made. Regrets having signed Rogers's testimonial for Deacon's Orders. Hopes the honor of the Church will not be undermined.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Aug. 16, 1803. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of Samuel Griswold's being ordained deacon. Signed by Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin and Bela Hubbard.

PARKER, SAMUEL. Dated Aept. 14, 1803, at Boston. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven, c/o Rev. Galen Hickes. Introduces Hickes, a graduate of Providence College and one recommended by the Church in South Carolina. Says Bp. Bass ordered him Deacon and was planning to advance him to the Priesthood but died Saturday and was buried Thursday. Asks whether J. will advance Hickes.

BARTOW, THEODOSIUS (Rector). Dated Sept. 27, 1803, at New Rochelle, N.Y. To Bp. Jarvis and the Clergy of Conn. Statement that Ammi Rogers was in good standing during his residence in the Diocese of N.Y.

CHARLTON, JOHN. Dated Sept. 27, 1803, at New York. To Bp. Jarvis and the Diocese of Conn. Attests to Ammi Rogers's being in good standing while resident in New York. Signed also by Richard Harrison. (Both were members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of N.Y.)

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Sept. 27, 1803, at New York. To Bp. Jarvis and the Diocese of Conn. Certify to the correctness of Theodosius Bartow's statement of the same date. Signed by William Ogden and Matthew Clarkson.

COOPER, ELIAS (Rector of St. John's Church). Dated Sept. 28, 1803, at Yonkers. Certifies to the correctness of Theodosius Bartow's statement concerning Ammi Rogers.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated 1804. Letter dimissory in favor of the Rev. David Butler, who is desirous of removing to N.Y. State [to St. Paul's Church in Troy]. Expresses regret at having to part with him and mentions that Butler was "exemplary, agreeable and useful" while serving in Conn.

MOORE, BENJAMIN. Dated Jan. 17, 1804, at New York. To Abraham Jarvis. Certifies that Ammi Rogers left the State of N.Y. before his consecration as Bishop and was therefore never under his jurisdiction. Says he attended conventions and was never subject to censure.

CHARLTON, JOHN (Member of N.Y. Standing Commitand was in good standing. Subscript: "I concur in the above certificate. Rich, Harison."

LAWRANCE, THOMAS. Dated Feb. 9, 1804, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven, Conn. Has honored J's draft on him. Reports that Mr. Gaines has paid his quarter's rent. Enumerates the repairs Gaines desires to have made.

WHEELER, RUSSELL. Dated Apr. 2, 1804, at Stratford. To Abraham Jarvis. Asks to be considered a candidate for Holy Orders.

STAMFORD, CONN.: ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Dated May 14, 1804, at Stamford. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Wardens and Vestry give notice that they have employed Ammi Rogers as their minister for a short time. They transmit "an official line" from Bp. Benjamin Moore in his behalf, hoping "all future controversy respecting Mr. Rogers will be at an end and that you will live in christian charity with each other." Signed by Samuel Knox and Isaac Holly, Jr. (wardens) and Nathaniel Webb, Seymour Jarvis, Simon H. Minor, David Waterbury, Jr., Isaac Quintard and Frederick Hait or Hart (vestrymen).

SANFORD, DAVID. Dated May 15, 1804, at New Haven. To Abraham Jarvis. Requests that he may become a candidate for Holy Orders "from the above date."

MOORE, BENJAMIN. Dated May 17, 1804, at New York. To Abraham Jarvis. Says he has heard that Ammi Rogers has been called to the church in Ballstown, N.Y. but that 'he is no longer amenable to my Episcopal authority." (Rogers now resides in Comn.) therefore explicitly declare, that so various and so pointed are the representations respecting his unbecoming conduct...such the deep and painful impressions which have been made on my mind, that they have produced an entire conviction, that some decisive step must speedily be taken." Says he will not permit Rogers to re-establish himself in



GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.: ST. JAMES'S CHURCH. Dated May 20, 1804, at Great Barrington. To the Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Report of a parish meeting with Bethel Judd presiding. The parish accedes to the Diocesan constitution and appoints Samuel Whiting as a delegate. Signed by the two wardens: Jacob Vandeusen and David Wainwright.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated <u>ca.</u> June 6, 1804. First draft of Bp. J's circular forbidding Ammi Rogers to conduct services in the churches of Corm. until he has 'made proper submission and satisfaction for his past misconduct..." (The final form of the deposition or suspension appears in the <u>Records of Convocation under June 11, 1804</u>. See also under Oct. 3, 1804.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Jume 6, 1804, at Litchfield. Rough draft of deposition of Ezra Bradley, Deacon, from the ministry at the Convocation at Litchfield. Indicates the grounds on which he has been degraded.

BULKLEY, BARZILIAI. Dated June 7, 1804, at Litchfield. To Abraham Jarvis. Asks to be considered a candidate for Holy Orders.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 11, 1804, at New Haven. To the Clergy of the Diocese. A statement forbidding the clergy to allow Ammi Rogers to officiate within their parishes and wardens of vacant parishes are urged to give no "countenance to a man whose disorderly and refractory conduct is subversive of the harmony and peace of the Church."

ANDREWS, SAMUEL. Dated June 20, 1804, at St. Andrews, New Brunswick. To Abraham Jarvis. Mentions J's letter of February last. Shares news and friendly interests. Mentions an impending visit of Bp. Charles Inglis.

BROWN, CIARK. Postmarked July 7, 1804, at Brimfield, Mass. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. A Congregationalist clergyman, he requests Episcopal ordination. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

BROWN, CLARK. Dated Aug. 4, 1804, at Brimfield [Postmarked "Belchertown"]. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. The petition of a Congregational minister for ordination in the Episcopal Church. He gives his views on the Sacraments and orders. States his reasons for desiring to enter Anglicanism.

LAWRANCE, THOMAS. Dated Aug. 9, 1804, at New York, N.Y. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, c/o Rev. Philo Shelton, Bridgeport, corrected to New Haven, Comm. Writes about property in need of repairs and a Mr. Gaines, who refuses to pay \$95 to effect them. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

SIMSBURY, CONN.: EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Dated Aug. 13, 1804, at Granby. To Abraham Jarvis. Petition on behalf of the churches at Simsbury and Granby that Asa Cornwall, who has read services for some time to the general satisfaction, may receive Holy Orders and become their minister. Signed by T. Holcomb, Simeon Griswold and Luther Ease, the vestry of the two churches.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE.
Dated Oct. 3, 1804, at Cheshire, Conn. To Abraham

Jarvis. Recommendation that Asa Cornwall be ordained Deacon. Signed by Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin and Daniel Burhans.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated \underline{ca} . Oct. 3, 1804. Rough draft of Bp. J's circular degrading Ammi Rogers from the ministry.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM + SETH P. STAPLES. Dated Oct. 13, 1804. An agreement or bond involving the liquidation on a mortgage and debts on property conveyed to Jarvis by deed. Also a receipt (Nov. 27, 1805) given Jarvis by Staples for \$1,060 in part payment of the bond. Witness: Joseph Drake.

MERRIAM, CLEMENT. Dated Nov. 6, 1804, at Middletown. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Discusses how Ammi Rogers is attacking the Bishop's character. Indicates the loyalty of Middletown people. Says Mr. Gilbert of Berlin is looking for a clergyman for that parish, which may unite with Wallingford, etc. Mentions the plight of the church in Durham.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated late Nov., 1804, at New Haven. To Messrs. Solomon & Zenas Cowles. Asks them to pay the interest due on the mortgage he has on the property (purchased by Ebenezer Mix of James Cornwal) in Middletown now belonging to them. (Written on the reverse of J. Hinsdale to Jarvis, Nov. 24, 1804.)

HINSDALE, J. Dated Nov. 24, 1804, at Middletown. To Abraham Jarvis. Declares that he has not neglected any of the Bishop's letters. Says the bond on Corrwell's house and interest that concern him are matters that should be referred to Messrs. Solomon & Zenas Cowles of Farmington.

ANDREWS, SAMUEL. Dated Dec. 1, 1804, at St. Andrews, New Brunswick. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. A friendly letter, mentioning old interests, The Churchman's Magazine, Jeremiah Leaming and Bela Hubbard. Apologizes for his shaking hand.

GARDINER, JOHN SYLVESTER JOHN. Dated Mar. 15, 1805, at Trinity Church, Boston, Mass. To Abraham Jarvis. Writes about John Lynn Blackburn, a candidate for Holy Orders, whom Bp. Jarvis was to ordain to the Diaconate on June 6, 1805. (This letter is in the Archives of the Diocese of Mass. among 14 letters and documents dealing with the early history of Trinity Church.)

SEARLE, ROCER. Dated Mar. 28, 1805, at Durham, Comn. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. An intimate revelation of his opinions and his present relationship to churches in Comn. 'While officiating as a Methodist Preacher I verily thought myself serving God and his church...till thoroughly convinced that their order was not apostolical.' Tells of his reading what John Wesley had written, the assumption of the office of 'bishop' by Dr. Coke and Francis Asbury, and of his childhood reactions to certain doctrines. Asks that he now be considered a candidate for Orders in the Episcopal Church.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 2, 1805, at New Haven. To Bp. John Henry Hobart, New York. Thanks H. for sending Chandler's manuscript life of Samuel Johnson for serial publication in The Churchman's Magazine. Wishes the materials upon which it was



based had been preserved. Discusses the proposal of a quarto prayerbook of selected offices and the canons but not the Psalms. "I do not wish to see the office of induction [by the Rev. Dr. William Smith] in the book with the rubricks as they now are. It will be pardonable if I say, to me they appear absurd...."

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSEITS: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated May 28-30, 1805, at Boston. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of advancing Timothy Hilliard, of Portland, to the Priesthood. Attached is a certificate indicating the choice of the new Standing Committee of the Diocese at the Convention meeting on May 28.

WHEATON, SALMON. Dated June, 1805, at Middletown, Corm. To Abraham Jarvis. Requests "to be considered as a candidate for holy orders on the episcopal books of the state of Connecticut."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated June 6, 1805, at Christ's Church, Middletown. Certificate of the ordination of Timothy Hilliard as a Priest.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 25, 1805, at New Haven. To Bp. William White, Philadelphia, c/o Mr. Wheeler. Reports on events following the degradation of Ammi Rogers, who (with his adherents) assert that he has not had a trial and defy the decree of degradation. Asks W. to declare the meaning of the House of Bishops in their action—that Rogers is "divested of all authority to officiate as a priest in the American church"—thus preventing ruin in the Diocese of Corm. Encloses printed copy of the instrument of degradation issued in Corm.

WHITE, WILLIAM. Dated Aug. 5, 1805, at Philadelphia. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Responds to J's recent request regarding Ammi Rogers. Armounces his inability to act for the General Convention, his having received a petition in behalf of Rogers from the Episcopal Society in Stamford, and his willingness as an individual to interpret for anyone the action of the General Convention. Says, however, that he understands the Bishops's action differently from Jarvis. 'My Supposition was, that we merely gave an Opinion, on a Subject on which it had been solicited.' Says the Convention had no authority to do otherwise. Indicates sympathy for J's difficult position. Mentions parish vacancies and salaries in Charleston, S.C. Says Bp. Benjamin Moore is acquainted with the contents of this letter.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Oct. 13, 1805. To Seth P. Staples. A business agreement concerning a house. (Film 2102 in the Yale Univ. Lib.)

KINGSBURY, ANDREW (as Treas. of the State of Conn.). Dated Oct. 31, 1805, at New Haven, Conn. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Quitclaim deed to parcel of land on the "northerly side of Elme Street" in New Haven. Mentioned are Seth P. Staples, Isaac Mills, Capt. John Mix, John Pierpont, Hezekiah Clark, David R. Dixon and Henry Daggett. (Film 2102 in the Yale Univ. Lib.)

HOSMER, STEPHEN TITUS. Dated Nov. 23, 1805, at Middletown. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. A letter concerning a quitclaim on the house and land formerly belonging to James Cornwell in Middletown. (Conn. Hist. Soc.)

DEHON, THEODORE. Dated May 25, 1806, at Newport, R.I. To Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. About the Church

in Newport and the application of the Rev. John Lynn Blackburne for Priesthood.

PLYMOUTH, CONN.: ST. PETER'S CHURCH and ST. MATTHEW'S. Dated May 26, 1806, at Plymouth. To Abraham Jarvis. Petition for the Bishop's approval to their merger on the basis of "the Local Situation." If approved, they will set about calling a suitable clergyman. The Committee signers in behalf of St. Matthew's Church: Stephen Graves, Isaac W. Shelton and Isaac Atwater.

NEWPORT, R.I.: PARISHIONERS OF TRINITY CHURCH. Dated May 26, 1806, at Newport, R.I. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in behalf of John Lynn Blackburne and petition that he may be ordained Priest. Signatures: 24 including the Wardens.

PLYMOUTH, CONN.: ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Dated June 2, 1806, at Plymouth. To Abraham Jarvis. On releasing the Rev. Chauncy Prindle from clerical responsibilities at St. Peter's and placing that parish in union with St. Matthew's, Plymouth. Signed by the Committee: Asher Blakslee, Ozias Warner, Bela Blakslee, Noah M. Bronson and Oliver Todd.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated June 4, 1806. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in behalf of Roger Searle, Deacon, that he may be admitted to the Priesthood. Signed by Bela Hubbard, Philo Shelton and Ashbel Baldwin.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated July 1, 1806, at New Haven. To Joseph Drake. Promissory note in favor of Joseph Drake for \$300, payable in 60 days. Endorsed: 'Payment Recd...N[ew] H[aven] Bank.'' Printed form filled in. (Film 2102 in the Yale Univ. Lib.),

MOORE, BENJAMIN. Dated July 24, 1806, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Reports that Ammi Rogers, accompanied by a justice of the peace, called on him, requiring a deposition as to what the recent action of the House of Bishops signified. "You know, it was the sentiment of Bps. White, Parker, & myself that Rogers was exclusively amenable to the authority of the Church in Connecticut; that we did not consider our opinion as a judicial Sentence; but, if...degradation from the Ministry was to be inflicted, it must come from the authority of your Church." Regrets differing from Jarvis as regards the action of the House of Bishops and his uncertainty about the possible use Rogers may make of the deposition.

DANBURY, READING and RIDGEFIELD PARISHES. Dated Sept. 20, 1806, at Danbury. To Abraham Jarvis and Diocesan Clergy. Petition that Elijah G. Plumb be admitted a Deacon and be allowed in that rank to serve these parishes. They indicate the salary they would offer him. Also a certificate by Plumb of his acceptance of these proposals.

NICHOLS, JOHN. Dated Oct. 8, 1806, at New Town, Comn. Resolution that the Diocesan Convention request Bp. Jarvis to revoke his sentences of prohibition and degradation against Ammi Rogers and that Rogers "be left to be proceeded against agreeable to the Constitution and Camnons of the Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut." A true copy, signed by Birdsey Glover, Virgil H. Barber and



Daniel McDonald. Note of action by the Convention:
"The only proper board for redress of grievances...is
the House of Bishops, to whose decision [we] are ever
ready to submit...."

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: ?STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated ?1807. To the Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of the Church in Stamford. A long letter begging the parish to continue faithful to Bp. Jarvis and the canon law of the Diocese, warning against schism and recounting the harm Ammi Rogers has done other parishes in which he has ministered, notably at Ballstown and Branford. (Rough draft.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Mar. 12, 1807, at New Haven. To Rev. Charles Daubeny, Archdeacon of Salisbury, Bath, England. Speaks of making D's guide to the Church the standard book for theological students and wishes belatedly to thank him for the usefulness of his publications. Writes of difficulties in defending the Faith in skeptical Comm. Is grateful that D. understands the mentality of dissenters. (Two rough drafts.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 24, 1807, at New Haven. To ?Hannah (Peck) Farmar Jarvis (Mrs. Abraham), New York. Inquires after her safe arrival in New York with the children. (Rough draft.)

BARBER, DANIEL + JOHN H. SUMMER. Dated Apr. 24, 1807, at Claremont, N.H. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. In behalf of the Diocesan Convention on Sept. 17, 1806, at Union Church in Claremont, they ask Jarvis to take charge of their diocese, which badly needs Episcopal supervision.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated May 8, 1807, at New Haven. To William H. Robinson, New York. A power of attorney-enabling him to take possession of houses and lots in New York until rent is paid thereon, entering suits at law where necessary and empowering him in other ways. Witnessed by J. K. Keefe and J. S. Garlock.

LITCHFIELD, CONN.: ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH. Dated May 28, 1807, at Litchfield. To Abraham Jarvis. Recommendation for David Baldwin touching his fidelity to the doctrine and discipline of the Church. Signed: Truman Marsh, Rector; Jesse Kilborn and Seth Landon, Wardens.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE.
Dated June 3, 1807, at Watertown, Conn. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of David Baldwin and recommendation that he be ordained Deacon.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated June 4, 1807. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of Benjamin Benham and his admission to the order of Deacons. Signed: Ashbel Baldwin, Philo Shelton and Reuben Ives.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE.
Dated Aug. 16, 1807, at Fairfield. To Abraham Jarvis.
Recommends that Benjamin Benham be dispensed from
knowing Latin in his application for Deacon's Orders.
Signed: Ashbel Baldwin, Bela Hubbard and Philo Shel-

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Sept. 15, 1807. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of Salmon Wheaton and recommendation that he be admitted to the Order of Deacons. Signed: Philo Shelton, Bela Hubbard and Ashbel Baldwin.

BARBER, DANIEL. Dated Sept. 30, 1807, at Claremont, N.H. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Thanks him for his friendly, pastoral letter. Writes for an opinion regarding the Church lands in N.H., which under arrangement with the S.P.G., were to support rectors and a bishop. But some of the lands have been sold or otherwise disposed of. Asks how suit might be brought to regain these lost lands. Desires J's help "in this hour of darkness and fear."

COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCHMAN'S MAGAZINE. Dated <u>ca.</u> 1808. To Rev. John Henry Hobart, New York. Refers to earlier correspondence with H. concerning the sharing of responsibilities for the magazine. Mentions the current printers, Oliver Steele & Co., of New Haven, and Bela Hubbard. The Committee are prepared to enlarge the magazine if "a union can be effected between this & the State of New York."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 7, 1808, at New Haven. To Bp. Thomas John Claggett. A discussion of the case of Ammi Rogers and a request for advice. (Rough draft.)

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT: STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Aug. 31, 1808. To Abraham Jarvis. Testimonial in favor of Elijah G. Plumb as worthy to be advanced to the priesthood. Signed by Ashbel Baldwin, Philo Shelton and Ambrose Todd.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Dec. 17, 1808, at New York, N.Y. An indenture between Jarvis (through his N.Y. attorney, Wm. H. Robinson) and Jacob Cozens, of New York. (Two copies.) (Orig. MS. in NYPL.)

HUSE, NATHANIEL. Dated ca. 1809. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Requests ordination. (Jarvis ordained him Deacon on Apr. 13, 1810.) (Letter incomplete in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

CIACGETT, THOMAS JOHN. Dated Jan. 24, 1809, in Maryland. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Recommendation of the Rev. John Kewley, M.D., now Rector of Chester Parish, Kent County, Md., soon to move from Maryland.

BARBER, DANIEL. Dated Mar. 14, 1809, at ?Claremont, N.H. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Reports on what has been accomplished by legal means to secure the rights of the Church to her sequestered property. Mentions Ambrose Cosset as an agent of the Church.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN.: CHRIST CHURCH. Dated Apr. 3, 1809, at Middletown. To Abraham Jarvis. Certify that John Kewley, M.D., has been chosen Rector.

MOORE, BENJAMIN. Dated May 6, 1809, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Sentence of degradation against the Rev. John Ireland, late Rector of St. Arm's Church, Brooklyn. (Partly printed.)

KENT, CONN.: ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Dated June 1, 1809, at Kent, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis. Statement of the organization of this parish and minutes of Feb. 22, 1808 and Apr. 3, 1809. Signed by Lewis J. John, Society Clerk. Gives names of elected officials and certifies approval of the Constitution



and Canons of the Church.

NEW CANAAN, CONN.: EPISCOPAL SOCIETY. Dated June 5, 1809, at New Canaan, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis. Acting under a mandate from the parish meeting of Apr. 3, 1809, the three undersigned intend to address the Convention meeting at Guilford on June 7 in behalf of the Rev. Ammi Rogers, whom they believe to be a man of God charged with misdemeanors but never given a canonical trial. On the basis of the stated facts, they believe the Bishop's act of degradation unjustified. They believe Rogers "should repair to Connecticut and have Opportunity to meet his Charges and witnesses face to face." They express confidence in Rogers and ask the Diocesan Convention to take the matter into their 'wise and most serious Consideration and give him a fair hearing..." Signed by Nathan Seely, Joseph Smith and Isaac Lockwood.

RAYNER, MENZIES. Dated Dec. 11, 1809, at Hartford. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Reveals facts about Mr. Huse, a candidate for Holy Orders, which he learned from Wm. Sheafe in Portsmouth, N.H., a churchwarden. Says no crime was reported concerning Huse but that his local deportment and reputation made him unwelcome in his old parish.... (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated \underline{ca} . 1810. Convention report containing his Confirmation schedule for the preceding year and other official acts. "The whole number which I have on record as confirmed by me since Nov^r 2. 1797 to April 10^{th} 1810 inclusive, the time I have officiated in the episcopal office, is 2604."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?1810, at ?New Haven. Writes about the rent on property in New York and the disposal of lots on Cherry Street. Mentions his son (Samuel Farmar Jarvis), who left some accounts unsettled. These ought now to be settled. Rough draft, on the bottom of which is a notice of a meeting of Convocation on the first Tues. of June, 1810, at Plymouth.

MORSS, JAMES. Dated Jan. 17, 1810, at Newburyport, Mass. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven, Conn. On problems connected with a candidate for Holy Orders, who is having trouble securing satisfactory testimonials and about whom there are floating rumors of a disquieting nature. Mentions Rev. Menzies Rayner. (MS. in Conn. Hist. Soc.)

JONES, JASPER D. Dated Jan. 20, 1810, at Branford, Corm. To Tillotson Bronson and the Standing Committee, Cheshire, Corm. Replies to the warning sent him by the Standing Committee dated at New Haven Jan. 17. Says the wardens at Branford have urged him to explain why he has not been able to secure a letter dimissory from New Jersey, viz. because its Standing Committee meets infrequently and probably cannot be gathered until the next Convention of that diocese. "I hope the Bp. & Standing Committee of this State will have a little patience, but if they should not, and the Standing Committee of N. Jersey should refuse to meet as I have requested, I must then either leave this State or discontinue my parochial duties." Includes a character testimonial signed by the wardens and vestrymen of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, N.J.: John Mattoone and Andrew Bell (Wardens) and James Parker, Joseph Marsh, Abraham Webb, Ph. Ten Eyck and James Kermy (Vestrymen), dated July 24, 1809.

LANESBOROUGH, MASS.: ST. LUKE'S CHURCH. Dated Feb. 8, 1810, at Lanesborough. To Abraham Jarvis and Standing Committee. Testimonial concerning William Atwater Clark. Signed by Amos Pardee (Rector), Nehemiah Talcott and Stoddard Williams (Wardens), and Elnathan Gregory and Peter B. Curtis (Vestry).

CORNWALL, ASA. Dated Mar. 6, 1810, at Gramby, Comm. To Tillotson Bronson, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Comm. Introduces the bearer, Frederick Holcomb. Writes about the business of his examination and admittance as a candidate for Holy Orders. Asks B. to give Holcomb necessary advice.

LARDNER, JOHN. Dated Mar. 16, 1810, near Philadelphia. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Indicates that he has agreed to take charge of the Lower Dublin Academy in Phila. and thanks the Bp. for writing a letter in his behalf.

CHESHIRE, CONN.: ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Dated Mar. 16, 1810, at Cheshire. To Abraham Jarvis and Standing Committee. Testimonial in favor of Daniel McDonald. Signed by Reuben Ives (Rector), Stephen Jarvis (Warden) and Burrage Beach, David Badger and Amasa Hitchcock, Jr. (Vestrymen).

GRANBY, CONN.: EPISCOPAL PARISH. Dated Apr. 9, 1810, at Granby. To Abraham Jarvis and Standing Committee. Testimonial in favor of Frederick Holcomb, signed by Asa Cornwall (Minister), Andrew Hillyer and Joel Holcomb (Wardens) and Epaphras Alderman (Vestryman).

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated May 9, 1810, at ?New Haven. To Cornelius Heffey, Grocer, New York. A lease or indenture by Jarvis to Heffey, witnessed by Nathaniel F. Moore.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?Aug., ?1810, at ?New Haven. To Bp. Benjamin Moore, New York. Introduces Isaac Jones, former Congregational minister, who desires ordination. Since his Protestant ministry was spent in Comm., it seemed good to have him locate and remain outside of Comm. Says Jones will present papers. (Rough draft.) [Bp. Moore ordained him Deacon on Sept. 23, 1810.]

USTICK, THOMAS. Dated Sept. 7, 1810, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. On financial matters. (MS. in Comn. Hist. Soc.)

JARVIS, LUCY. Dated Sept. 29, 1810, at 'New Haven. To Whiting Todd. Receipt of \$5.00 for Bp. Jarvis on account.

LANESBOROUGH, MASS.: ST. LUKE'S CHURCH. Dated Nov. 21, 1810, at Lanesborough. To Abraham Jarvis and Standing Committee. Testimonial in favor of Stephen Gervet. Signed by Amos Pardee (Rector), Nehemiah Talcott and Stoddard Williams (Wardens), and Uri Bradley, Peter B. Curtis, J. Andrew Cornish and Wm. Beard (Vestry).

IANESBOROUGH, MASS.: ST. LUKE'S CHURCH. Dated Nov. 21, 1810, at Lanesborough. To Abraham Jarvis and Standing Committee. Testimonial in favor of Orin Clark. Signed by Amos Pardee (Rector), Nehemiah Talcott and Stoddard Williams (Wardens), and Uri Bradley, Peter B. Curtis, Andrew Cornish and Wm. Beard (Vestry).



BRONSON, TILLOTSON. Dated Mar. 21, 1811, at Cheshire, Corn. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Regrets that the day designated for the ordination of Samuel Farmar Jarvis will be inconvenient for him, since the Episcopal Academy will be having examinations and an exhibition. Asks whether the preceding Sunday might be possible for the event.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated May 8, 1811, at New Haven. To Alexander Viets Griswold, Bristol, R.I. Gives advice regarding G's recent election by several New England states to be Bishop of the Eastern Diocese. Sends it in the care of Mrs. Calhoun, who is on her way to Newport.

GRANBY, CONN.: EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Dated June 1, 1811, at Granby. To Standing Committee. Testimonial in behalf of Frederic Holcomb. Signed by Asa Cornwall (Rector) and Joel Holcomb and Epaph. Alderman (Wardens).

CHESHIRE, CONN.: ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Dated Aug. 3, 1811, at Cheshire. To Standing Committee. Testimonial in favor of Stephen Jewett and Orin Clark. Signed by Reuben Ives (Rector), Stephen Jarvis and Emoluel Moss (Wardens) and Amasa Hitchcock, Jr., David Badger and Burrage Beach (Vestrymen).

STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Aug. 7, 1811, at New Haven. To Rev. Solomon Blakeslee. Reports a meeting convened by Bp. Jarvis for the purpose of considering Blakeslee's withdrawing from parochial responsibilities at East Haddam and moving to the parish in Woodbridge without consulting Bp. Jarvis. Ask him to regularize the step he has taken or the Bishop and Clergy will have to refuse recognizing him.

STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated Aug. 7, 1811, at New Haven. To Rev. Truman Marsh, Litchfield. Writes in behalf of Bp. Jarvis and the Committee relative to the situation of the Rev. Deacon Isaac Jones now officiating in Marsh's Litchfield parish, having come from N.Y. without a letter dimissory or Bp. Jarvis's consent. "Our only motive in this address is to promote good order, and a correct understanding of the ground on which the Bishop, Clergy and Laity stand relative to each other and the Church."

MORGAN, JOHN. Dated Oct. 5, 1811, at Hartford. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Writes confidentially about the well-being of Christ Church, Hartford, and the Vestry's desire to dissolve the pastoral relationship. In this the Rector (the Rev. Menzies Rayner) has himself concurred. But now a party has been organized seeking to retain himdeliberately to break up the parish. Urges the Bishop to hasten his approval of the separation before the threatened rift is actualized.

HARTFORD, CONN.: EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Dated Oct. 17, 1811, at Hartford. To Abraham Jarvis. The petition of 39 parishioners, urging that their rector, the Rev. Menzies Rayner be retained in office and asserting that they are fully satisfied with his services.

Ph. Nov. 30. 1811.

To Rt. Rev'd Ab. Jarvis DD. Rt. Rev'd. & Dear Sir:

About 10 days ago, I addressed a Letter to the Rev'd C. Jones, in Answer to one received from him,

inviting my Opinion of the Bearing of a certain Measure of the House of Bps. in 1801, on a Question now depending between our Brothers Bp. Provoost & Bp. Moore. This Morning I rec'd a Letter from Bp. Hobart, requesting a Copy of my said Letter. And as he expresses it to be the Opinion of several of the Clergy, that there w'd be a Use, in our comparing of our Sentiments, I shall request that another Copy—or so much as will exhibit my Opinion may be taken to N. Y. & sent to you. It is hardly necessary to add that it would gratify me to have your Opinion in Return.

I beg leave to introduce another Subject. You will probably remember, in Regard to the Duty laid on me by the Convention, respecting the Lands in Vermont, my explicitly declaring to the Gentleman who brought the Communication--I think it was Mr. Baldwin--that I sh'd expect to be furnished with all the needful Papers, shewing the Ground of the Request, & any precedent Steps taken in the Business. Not receiving any such Papers, I addressed a letter to Bp. Griswold, requesting his Agency in causing me to be provided as above. My Letter was sent by Post early in the Autumn, but I have not rec'd an Answer: Which may have been owing to a Progress thro his extensive Diocese: For I have lately heard that he has been so employed. Now, my dear Sir, what I have to request of you is that living so near both to Bp. Griswold and to Mr. Baldwin, you w'd propose to one or both of them, to put this Matter in a proper Train. In my present State of Ignorance of the Subjects, I really know not what to write.

I desire my respectful Comp'ts to Mrs. Jarvis, &

Yours Aff'te Brother
Wm. White.

[Life and Letters of Bp. Wm. White, 260-261]

BALDWIN, ASHBEL. Dated Dec. 4, 1811, at ?Stratford, Conn. To Abraham Jarvis, c/o Bp. Wm. White, Philadelphia, Pa. A series of questions proposed by William Samuel Johnson of Stratford concerning the implications of the action of the House of Bishops permitting Bp. Provoost to have an Assistant Bishop or coadjutor.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?1812, at ?New Haven. To Samuel Farmar Jarvis, ?Bloomingdale, N.Y. Much on business matters. ''Bp. H[obart] I suppose has now obtained every thing he has sought for [the episcopate].'' As for William Jarvis, "if you can afford to take, and prepare him to enter here, or to finish his studies with [Tillotson] Bronson, I will settle the matter about the note with your cousin Sam." (Rough draft.)

DUANESBURGH, MASS.: CHRIST'S CHURCH. Dated Jan. 20, 1812, at Duanesburgh. To Diocese of Connecticut. Testimonial in favor of the Rev. Reuben Hubbard who has served faithfully. Signed by W. North and J. W. Featherstonhaugh (Wardens) and H. Reighter and John Brown (Vestrymen).

HOBART, JOHN HENRY (Ass't Bishop). Dated Mar. 6, 1812, at New York. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Certifies that the Rev. Reuben Hubbard leaves the Diocese of N.Y. in good standing and with the Bishop's consent.

JARVIS, SAMUEL FARMAR. Dated Mar. 27 + Apr. 2, 1812, at Bloomingdale, N.Y. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Reports having received Ammi Rogers's



declaration and his calling upon attorneys Ogden and Wilkins. The case against Bp. Jarvis is to be tried in Albany unless the court should move the case to New York City. Wilkins thinks that Bp. Jarvis need not be present. Discusses at length the quarrel at Trinity Parish and the tug of war between the Rev. Cave Jones and Bp. Hobart. (Film 2102 in the Yale Univ. Lib.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Mar. 30, 1812, at New Haven. To Bp. John Henry Hobart, New York. As for Hobart's circular dated March ?22, 1812, says he is leaving the reply to deputies of the Comn. clergy. Discusses the case of Ammi Rogers, which evil "originated in your department, and all the mischief he afterwards did among us...were by your ecclesiastical incentive unfairly and unjustly commived at, and contrary to all rule palmed upon us." Discusses at length the injuries done to Comn. by the faltering policies of the bishops. "You know I have not yet wholly shaken off the Viper from my hand. For the issue of his unabashed malice, I am still to remain m suspense, until a court in your State shall determine the event of his persecution, an event pregnant in its consequences to this diocese, and the character of its Bishop."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?Apr., ?1812, at ?New Haven. To Rev. Charles Seabury, St. James's Church, New London. Replies to Seabury's request about a Mr. Channing, who wishes to "participate with you in the holy eucharist." "If he thinks he can receive the communion at church without joining with it as one of the Members of it, what advantages will you receive from his communicating with you? He will thereby obtain your acknowledgement that he is worthy of our communion and also have the highest testimony...of your belief that the doctrine of Schism is without foundation and that every decent dissenter...ought to be received as a sound Member of the catholic church and put on the same footing with the Members of the Church..." Urges S. to be watchful against a prevailing Socinianism. (Rough draft.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated ?Apr., ?1812, at ?New Haven. To Rev. Cave Jones, ?New York. (Jones was on trial by the vestry of Trinity Church, New York.) Jarvis indicates his difficulty in offering a private opinion in the case when he must eventually serve on the jury of bishops. Sends news of Mrs. J. (Rough draft.)

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Apr. 21, 1812, at New Haven. To Samuel Farmar Jarvis, Bloomingdale, N.Y., c/o O. H. Hicks, 51 Wall St. Mentions a Mr. Bush who was unable to visit SFJ in Bloomingdale, N.Y. Says he has just written Cave Jones, who, upon receipt of it, 'will not expect me to be present at the trial of his cause with the Vestry of Trinity church." Reports that SFJ's stepmother (Mrs. Lucy Jarvis) has been ill and is unable to travel as far as New York this spring. Discusses business matters and mentions cousin Samuel Jarvis, who ought to redeem his father's note. (William Jarvis's schooling has to be paid for 'out of that note.") (Rough draft.)

NEW TOWN, CONN.: TRINITY CHURCH. Dated May 10, 1812, at Newtown. To Standing Committee. Testimonial in favor of Birdseye Glover Noble's Christian behavior during the past three years. Signed by Daniel Burhans (Rector), Abijah Curtis and Philo Curtis (War-

dens) and Elijah Nichols, Zechariah Ferris and James Bennet (Vestrymen).

STANDING COMMITTEE: TILLOTSON BRONSON (Pres.). Dated June 2, 1812, at Woodbury. Examiners were appointed to examine William J. Bulkley and Reuben Sherwood. 'Voted to authorize the Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin to grant the Rev^d Charles Seabury a dismission from St Jame's [sic] Church New London when he shall procure the requisite consent of the parish.''

JUDD, JONATHAN. Dated Jume 3, 1812, at Stamford, Corm. To Abraham Jarvis. Regarding his call to the Stamford parish. Includes Judd's letter dimissory from Bp. John Henry Hobart. (Film 2102 in the Yale Univ. Lib.)

LITCHFIELD, CONN.: ASSOCIATED CHURCHES. Dated Sept. 4, 1812, at Litchfield. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis. Notice that the Rev. Isaac Jones has been chosen Assistant Minister of the Associated Churches. Signed by Truman Marsh, Rector, and Wardens John Willmott, David Kilborn and Seth Landon.

JUDD, BETHEL. Dated Dec. 26, 1812, at Norwalk. To Standing Committee. Recommends Eli Wheeler of Weston for the ministry.

SHELTON, PHILO. Dated Dec. 27, 1812, at Bridgeport. To Ashbel Baldwin (one of the Standing Committee), Stratford. Recommends to the Bishop and to the Standing Committee Eli Wheeler of Weston.

STANDING COMMITTEE. Dated early 1813, at Cheshire. To the Wardens of the Episcopal Church in Litchfield. Announces that the Rev. Deacon Isaac Jones has laid testimonials before the Committee but has not yet secured a licence from Bp. Jarvis to officiate in their parish. Urges that such a step be taken. Signed for the Committee by Tillotson Bronson, president.

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Feb. 9, 1813, at New Haven. To Rev. Samuel Farmar Jarvis, Bloomingdale, N.Y., c/o O. H. Hicks, 51 Wall St. On business and family matters. Discusses misunderstandings by the Rev. John Kewley, M.D., who declared that Jarvis (in a letter to the wardens in Middletown) was thwarting him in his efforts to assume duties in St. George's Church, New York. "I will conclude this Letter, my beloved Son, by assuring you that on the 20th of January you had our Special remembrance. Twenty-seven times has the Sun, indeed, completed his annual orbit since the relation of Father and Son took place between you and me. I can now look back to the time, my Memory presenting the scene to my view as in a clear Mirror, when your Smile and infantile Actions gave me undescribable pleasure. The same Memory recalls to my mind the solicitude which accompanied you through every stage of your youthful progress in mental improvements to Matured years..."

JARVIS, ABRAHAM. Dated Feb. 22, 1813, at New Haven. To Rev. Samuel Farmar Jarvis, Bloomingdale, N.Y., c/o O. H. Hicks, 51 Wall St. Discusses business matters and the behavior of the Rev. John Kewley, M.D., and the testimony supplied by Mr. Smith, Judge Ingersol and Mr. Jacock about his claims. Reports solemnizing the marriage of Miss Parmele and Mr. Heaton on the 13th. (Capt. Atwater entertained for them.) Capt. Abel Denison has just died. Mrs.



Lucy Jarvis (SFJ's stepmother) is still unwell.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.: PROBATE COURT. Dated May 10, 1813, at New Haven. To Samuel Farmar Jarvis. Empowers him to administer the estate of Abraham Jarvis, who died intestate. Signed by Elizur Goodrich, Judge of Probate.

JARVIS, SAMUEL FARMAR. Dated after May 13, 1813. Financial papers and ledgers in settling the estate of Abraham Jarvis. (See filmstrip from N.Y. Hist. Soc.)

APPENDICES

[1776, June 4, Waterbury]

At a Convention of the Clergy of the Church of England, of the Colony of Connecticut, held at Waterbury on Tuesday the fourth day of June. being the Tuesday in Trinity Week in the year of our Lord 1776. Present

Abraham Jarvis President. James Scovil Samuel Andrews Bela Hubbard Richard Clarke Daniel Fogg Gidion Bostwick John, R. Marshall John Sayre James Nichols

M. Jarvis according to course & an unanimous approbation was Nominated President, and M. Sayre chosen Secretary pro tempore, the Stated Secretary being absent-M. Sayre was also appointed to perform Divine Service tomorrow; & M. Clarke to Preach, M. Kneeland being absent. after which the Convention was adjourned by the President to meet again at M. Scovil's at eight o Clock tomorrow morning--

Wednesday the 5th 8 o Clock in the Morning, Met again according to adjournment. & proceeded to Saint James's Church in Waterbury, where a Sermon was Preached by Mr Clarke Resolved on Motion of Mr Andrews that, the President be requested to return the thanks of this Convention to Mr. Clarke for his Sermon preached this day before them; & also to Mr Sayre for his Services, which was accordingly done by the President. Mr Sayre Moved that this Convention should consider of the propriety of their agreeing to supply the Vacant Congregations of the Church of England in this Colony, as often as will be consistent with their other Duties -- which motion meeting with their approbation resolved that it be recommended to Mr. Scovil Mr Andrews Mr Marshall & Mr Nichols to attend at Litchfield each once in a year at such times as will be most agreeable, they giving proper previous Notice to the People--and that Mr. Clarke Mr. Learning Mr. Diblee and Mr. Sayre be requested to attend in like manner at Danbury and that M. Bostwick M. Nichols M. Clarke and M. Diblee be requested to attend in like manner at Sharon and that Mr Jarvis Mr Tyler Mr Fogg and Mr Mathew Graves be requested to attend in like manner at Hebron

M. John Nichols a Gentleman of Waterbury in the County of New Haven having applied to this Convention for recommendatory Letters in his favor to the Society and to the Lord Bishop of London in order to his admittence into Holy Orders in the Church of England--resolved that they be granted accordingly--& the Secretary is therefor ordered to furnish him with them. The Convention was then

adjourned till tomorrow morning eight o Clock, to meet at Mr Scovil's--

Thursday 6th 8 o Clock. Met again according to adjournment. Letters in favor of Mr. Nichols according to yesterday's Order, were prepared, read, and subscribed by all present—Ordered that Mr. Tyler be prepared to preach before the Convention at their next annual meeting in Trinity Week, & that the Secretary serve him with notice accordingly—& that Mr. Sayre do prepare a suitable discourse in case any thing should prevent Mr. Tylers attendance—The Convention then proceeded to appoint a Standing Committee & the following Gentlemen were unanimously agreed to viz. Mr. Scovil Mr. Andrews Mr. Hubbard Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Sayre—after which the Convention adjourned to meet again at New Cambridge on Tuesday which shall be in Trinity-week next ensuing—Abraham Jarvis, Presidt

[Endorsed:] "Minutes of a Convention held at Waterbury, 1776. Trinity week June 4th"

John Sayre Secrety

[1776, July 23, New Haven]

At a Convention of the Clergy of the Church of England in the Colony of Connecticut, at the house of M. Hubbard in New Haven on Tuesday the 23d day of July in the year 1776 at 8 o'Clock in the evening.

Present

Abraham Jarvis. President Richard Mansfield Samuel Andrews. Bela Hubbard. John Sayre.

The Rev⁴ M⁷ Bowden of New York having attended this Convention by invitation, resolved that the President be requested to [extend] their thanks to him for his company on this occasion, and that he be asked to take his seat as a member of this Convention, which he did accordingly--

The standing Secretary being absent, M^T Sayre was chosen to officiate as Secretary, pro hac Vice.

The President then adjourned the Convention, to meet again tomorrow morning at 8 o'Clock, at this place.

Wednesday July 24th 1776. met again according to adjournment, at 8 o'Clock in the forencon--

At ten o'Clock MT Clarke and MT Marshal came in and took their seats--as did also MT Scovil shortly after

Considering the present critical and alarming situation of the Church of England in America in general, and the Clergy & members of it in this Colony in particular--the



Convention in pursuance of the main design of this meeting proceeded to consider what measures will be most proper and prudent for them to adopt for ye promotion & preservation of peace and security of the Congregations under their care.

Mr Andrews moved to collect the sentiments of the Convention on the following question viz. Whether we can go on as usual in the performance of Divine Service in our Churches consistently with the general benefit of the Church and our own personal security, considering the declaration of Independency published by the Continental Congress on the 4th of the present month on which it was unanimously resolved that we cannot .--- Mr President then moved for the sense of the Convention whether it is in our power to make or submit to any alterations in the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is now by Law established, consistantly with our duty and our solemn obligations--which motion being deliberated on was unanimously answered in the negative for the following reasons. 1st Because at the time of our Ordination, we solemnly bound ourselves by Oaths, promises and Subscriptions that we would use the form of Prayer and Administration of Sacraments provided in the Book of Common Prayer and none other: as will appear from a perusal of the Oath contained in the offices for the ordination of Priests & Deacons and the three Articles contained in the 36th Canon-- 2ly Because we being only Presbyters in the Church are not by any means invested with authority sufficient to entitle us to make any mutilations or alterations, either in her Government or Worship--and if we should attempt it we apprehend we should attempt a sacriligious invasion of the Authority and privilige of a superior Order. 3ly Because should we make or submit to any alterations as above mentioned we should incur the penalties denounced in the 38th Canon viz. Suspension, Excommunication and Deposition.

The Convention taking into their serious consideration the melancholy situation of the Church in this time of public controversy and distress and most heartily desiring to do all that is left in their power according with the foregoing resolutions, for the spiritual comfort and emolument of their people, do agree that if we should open our churches and read the Holy Scriptures, together with some approved practical Commentaries on them; read the Homilies or other orthodox Sermons published by Divines of our Church, or any pious tracts which may be thought most proper for the present state of the Church; to examine the Children in their Catechism and read approved Lectures thereon, and also to continue all the occasional Services when requisite (except the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which we think should only be used for the present in the Chambers of ye Sick) it will have a tendency to promote a great part of ve general intentions of public religious meetings & that the retired devotions of the people may make up in a great measure for the unavoidable deficiencies--and that such a mode of proceedure will preserve us in a conscience void of offence towards God & towards man.

The President then adjourned the Convention, to meet again tomorrow morning at 8, o'Clock at this place--

Thursday 25th July 1776. Met again at 8, °Clock in the morning according to yesterdays adjournment. The Convention considering that it would be very proper to make our absent Brethren acquainted with the proceedings of this meeting—and that as a fraternal intercourse hath uniformly subsisted between this Convention & that of the Colonies of N York & N Jersey, they also should know our proceedings & the reasons on which

they are founded; resolved unanimously that Copies of the minutes of them be presented to both.

The President then dissolved this Convention.

Abraham Jarvis} Prest

John Sayre. Secry

[1779, Sept. 14, Stratford]

Stratford in New England, Sept^{br} 14th 1779. May it please your Lordship.

We the Clergy of the Church of England, beg leave to introduce the bearer MT Henry Van Dyck to your Lordship, as a Gentleman of ingenuity, of a Liberal Education, Graduated at Kings College New York in the Degrees of Batcherlor and Master of Arts, hath made good proficiency in the Liberal Arts, and for many Years past hath applied himself to the Study of Divinity, is Orthodox in the Faith of our Excellent Church, A Gentleman of unblemished reputation, of a fine Address, and, of Morals unsullied; we are happy to be able to assure your Lordship that we can give this Testimony from a personal Knowledge of MT Van Dyck of many Years standing.

He is a married Man & of more than Age sufficient for Holy Orders, and would have sooner Applied to your Lordship for the same, had it not been for the peculiar Difficulties of the Times, he has, however, for several Years read Prayers and Sermons at Stratford and Newtown to good Acceptance, and should your Lordship upon Examination think him qualified for Holy Orders we doubt not he will make a very Usefull Clergyman.

We have the Honor to be, / May it please your Lordship, / Your Lordship's Most Obedient Sons & Servants,

Richard Mansfield Christopher Newton Sam¹l Andrews Bela Hubbard Abraham Jarvis Rich^d Clarke John Rutgers Marshall

The Lord Bishop of London.

[1783, May 6, Waterbury]

Waterbury May 6th 1783

Reverend Sir,

After a long and disagreeable Cessation of Correspondence with the Venerable Society, we the Clergy of Connecticut met in voluntary Convention, embrace with Pleasure this early Opportunity, unitedly to return them our sincere Thanks, for the continuance of their Kind Support, dureing the Progress of the late Dispute, which hath at last, contrary to our Wishes and Hopes, terminated so calamitously as in a total seperation of this Country, from the Government and Protection of the Parent State . --We are bound in duty to acquiess in the Alotment of Divine Providence; and it will be our Care to approve ourselves wholesom Members and Peacable Subjects of the Government & Laws in being under which we are now placed; but we can never without Regret look back to the loss of those Days anticedent to ye late unhappy contest, which compleeted the Separation.

By this Event, the Episcopal Church in America, degraded as it is by the loss of its former Head and Protector, seems left to the Mercy of its Enemies, without any spiritual Power in itself to provide for vacant Parishes as it is destitute of Authority to continue the Succession in



the Ministry, and indeed, in the Northern States, is unable to support the few Clergymen which are still left to serve it .---- In a Condition of a Church so Unprecedented in the Christian World, and so Calamitous as this, what can its Clergy do? After recommending our Case, the Church, and ourselves to the Patronage and Protection of Almighty God. (of whose Care, we hope we have not rendered ourselves totally Unworthy, tho we have been severely Chastised in Rightiousness) to what human Arm shall we apply for Assistance?----In this Exigence of our Church, we want the Advice--we want the Patronage--we want the Charity of all our Friends and Benefactors -- and under God, to whom can we complain and make our Distress known?--and to whom can we apply for Assistance with equal Propriety, on an equal Prospect of Success; as to that Venerable Society in England, to whose defusive Charity and more than Paternal Care the Church here, owes its Rise, its Progress, and its present Existance?--permit us then to ask the further Patronage of the Venerable Society--to beg their Interest in procuring an Episcopate for the Church here; which, tho now Unfortunately separated from the National Establishment, yet Boasts her Pedigree from this Society--We conceive there can now be here no Objection against resident Bishops, as they will be purely Ecclesiasticks, and equally with all other Clergymen, Under the Control of Law and the civil Authority of these States: and we are ignorant upon what Principle of Piety or Policy, the Mother Church can, in this State of Things, reject a Petition so Reasonable and just, and so essential to the Existence of the Church in America .--

Suffer us also in our own behalf, to beg the Venerable Society to continue their kind Support to the Missionary Clergy in Connecticut. Tho' we are now seperated (de-

graded) from being a part of the Nation, we have done Nothing to promote the Separation, but have suffered every Indignity, and every Species of Distress for our steady adhearence to our Oaths, and attachment to the Brittish Government. ---- We have dureing the late melancholly Contest exerted ourselves in the Societies Service, to promote the Interest of pure Religion & undefiled, solely to attend to ye duties of our Office, interesting our selves as little as possible in ye late unhappy disputes between ye parent State & this country; and hope our conducts, in our critical Scituation may be approved of by ye venerable Board, chusing to cast a vail over every difficulty & danger with wch we have had to contend, & by ye blessing of God, have surmounted in some measure to impress upon the Consciences of our Hearers the Friendly Doctrines of our own Church and the inflexible Loyalty she teaches: and our Labours have been attended with some Success, for not to mention the large Numbers that have joyned the Brittish Army and fled to it for Protection, from our Parishes, very few have been in the Revolt of those who tarryed behind; most of them have suffered patiently for their Attachment to their Prince, and in this trying Time have supported the Character of good Christians, if not of good Subjects to the States -- but what exceeds our most sanguine Hopes, and seems to be the special Effect of Divine Interposition, the Work of God alone is, that notwithstanding the Numbers which have gone from our Parishes within the Brittish Lines, very few of our Congregations have decreased -- many of them have greatly increased, and the Nothing but Danger and Rage seemed to await the Professors of the Church, yet some new Congregations have rissen among us since the Commencement of the War .--- Tho the Church here is not in general much

diminished in Numbers, it is however so greatly impoverished & distressed by Plunder and a Train of Expensive Mischiefs, that it seems impossible she should either support her Clergy, or even maintain her Existence in this State. without the Continuation, and indeed in some Instances. the further Extention of the Venerable Societies Bounty: and as we are not conscious that we ourselves or that the great Body of our Parishioners have been guilty of any Crime against either the Brittish Church or State, --we intreat, that to all our former Calamities, this insupportable one may not be added, of being discarded by the Society. Suffer us finally to plead for the Societies Charitable Notice in favour of three Worthy Clergymen in Connecticut, Messrs Jarvis, Marshal, and Nichols; dureing these Times, they have been equal in their Labours, and equal in their Sufferings with the Missionaries -- and we intreat that, as a Reward of their Sufferings, and of their Indefatigable Labours in the Vinyard of God, to prevent also their own Penury, and the Extinction of the Churches they Serve, they may be admitted into the Venerable Societies Service. ----For a more particular Knowledge of the State of the Church here--of its Wants--of its Wishes--and of Every Thing which concerns its well being, we beg leave to refer the Society to the Reverend Doctor Seabury, with whom we have prevailed to represent our Case to that Venerable Board.

We are Reverend Sir the Societies / and your much Obliged and very / Humble Servants, the Clergy / of Connecticut

Signed by Order of Convention

The Reverend Doctor Morice

Endorsed by Jarvis: "Copy of a letter to the Rev. Dr Morrice...in Mr S. Andrew's Hand writing"

[1784, May, Middletown] My Dear Sir,

On the first instant, I received your favor of the 15 April; I trust that Mr. Hubbard has answered your letter to him, and acquainted you that it was impossible that any of the Clergy of Connecticut should attend your proposed Convention.

I certainly do join with you in thinking that our Church at this time stands in the utmost need of the firm and efficient exertions of all her true sons. I also think that her true sons should deliberately consider that her affairs require much circumspection and caution. And I will venture to beleive that you will join with me in thinking that the Christian Church is not a mere peice of secular manufacture, indifferently to be wrought into any shape or mould, as the Political potter fancies. We in Connecticut devoutly wish, for ourselves, and for all in the American States professing the same Church, to retain the religious polity -- the primitive and evangelical doctrine and discipline, which at the Reformation were restored & established in the Church of England: and to complete and perpetuate that polity in this country, by the obtaining and fixing among us, a genuine Apostolical Episcopate----To set out right, and to lay the Foundation of the Church properly in the beginnings of this new Empire, we judge to be a matter of the utmost consequence. Accordingly, that the Church among us, might be complete in all her members, as a primary object, the Clergy of Connecticut adopted a measure, and some time past essayed to carry



it into effect, to obtain that desirable end, and we are now waiting with concern to know the event. If we succeed, we shall then be able to convene in the full powers of our Church to consult and endeavor to settle whatever may be necessary for Union and Uniformity in all the Offices of Worship and Administrations in the Church. If we fail in the attempt which remains as yet undecided, we shall be glad of the united exertions of all who wish well to our religious constitution to accomplish that particular by such measures as shall be regular and practicable. So far as I am able to speak the sense of our clergy, it is that we can take no step to any particular or general measure, until we know the issue of what we have already done,

I know not that our council or advice, if we had any to offer, would be of any weight, or if we could be present, could with right act, or have any consideration in the decisions of a Body of which we should be no part.

May you have wisdom to act, and whatever is done, God grant may be well done....

Abraham Jarvis

[Rev. Dr. Abraham Beach at New Brunswick, N.J.]

[1789, Sept. 15, Stratfield]

At a special Convention of the presbyters of the Chh of engd in Connect: on Tuesday the 15th of Sep. 1789. at the house of the Revd Mr. Shelton in Stratfield-- Convent open'd 10 o Clock- A.M.-- presen[t] Revd Dr. Leaming Mr. Mansfield Mr. Hubbard-- Mr. Jarvis Mr. Shelton-- The Revd Dr. Leaming was chosen president-- Mr. Jarvis chosen. Secretary--

The purpose of calling this Convention, and the Business that comes now before it is, to deliberate upon the Invitation recd from the gen! Convention at Philadelphia by the Bishop and Clergy of the Chh in Connect to attend

their Con: whh they had adjourn'd for that end to the 27 of Sep^r; and to consider on what terms we can cooperate wh y^t Body towards forming a general Union in the Chh throughout the united States--

11 o Clock- Rev. Mr. Bowden, Mr. Sayre, & Mr Foot arrived, and join'd the Conven--

Upon Motion of the Rev^d M^r Hubbard; voted that the Letters and praye[rs] sent for the perusal of this conven: be read-- They were accordingly read on Motion- resolv'd, that such parts of the Journal of the Con. at Philad: be read as related to the subject of a gen! Union-

1 o Clock P.M. Rev^d M^r Clark arriv'd & join'd the Conven--

M^r Bowden made a Motion, whether this Con: will send clerical delegates to meet the Conven at Philadel--Voted in the Affirmative--

6 o Clock P.M. The Rev^d M^r Prindle joined the Con-[vention.]

On Motion of M^T Bowden, Whether a general Constitution--(as the Word Constitution implies Rules & Regulations for the Exercise of that Government which Ct & his Apostles established in the Church) is necessary for effectuating a Union of all the Churches in the United States; Or whether, it will not answer every essential Purpose for each State to form its own particular Constitution:-- Resolved, That the former is by no Means necessary, and in the present State of the Church impracticable, and tha[t] the latter is sufficient.

On further Motion by M^r B, Whether the Deputi[es] of this Church shall be empowered to confer with the general Convention upon the Subject of making Alterations in the Book of Common Prayer:-- Resolved That they shall; but the Ratification of such Alterations as may be made, shall rest with the BP & Clergy of this Church.

Wednesday Morng Conven. was open'd according to adjournment. and proceeded to the Choice of Delegates to go to Philadelphia, when the following Persons viz. Revd Mr Hubard, and the Revd Mr Jarvis were chosen-

BISHOP JARVIS' OWN RECORD

REGISTRY OF ORDINATIONS

[For the convenience of the student the names of Bishop Jarvis' ordinees, and the office to which each was ordained, are *italicized*, although they are not thus designated in the original Registry.]

ABRAHAM JARVIS, D. D., elected Bishop of Connecticut, by the episcopal Clergy of the State, was consecrated in Trinity Church in the City of New Haven, State of Connecticut, on the Festival of St. Luke, the eighteenth of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, By the right reverend William White, Bishop of Pensilvania, presiding Bishop; and the right Reverend Samuel Provoost, Bishop of New York; and the right reverend Edward Bass, Bishop of Massachusetts.

-[1798]--

At a special Ordination held in St. John's Church, in Stratfield, on the twenty-eighth day of June, 1798, Calvin White, on my own personal knowledge of him, and also being recommended by the Rector, assistant Minister, and vestry of the Church in Newark, and by the Rev'd Mr. Croes and Col. Sam'l Ogden, of the State of New Jersey; and by the Standing Committee of the State of Connecticut; was presented by the Rev'd Mr. Shelton. and ordained Deacon. He was licensed to preach.



At a special Ordination held in St. Peter's Church in Cheshire on Sunday, the thirtieth day of September, 1798, Bethel Judd and Esra Bradley, recommended, the former, by the clergy in convocation, the latter, by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Bowden, were ordained Deacons. Mr. Judd was licensed to preach. Mr. Bradley was referred to the Bishop of Massachusetts for a license to preach in a church belonging to his diocese.

—[1799]—

At a special ordination held in Christ's Church in Middletown, on Sunday, the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, Amos Pardee recommended by the standing committee of the church in the state of Vermont, and the Wardens and Vestrymen of the church in the Towns of Paulet and Wells in that state; and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Bowden, was ordained Priest.

At a special Ordination held in St. John's Church in Stratfield on Wednesday the fifth of June, 1799, John Callaghan & Evan Rogers, the former recommended by the Bp. of South Carolina & by other Testimonials from Charles Town, accompanied with the Bishop's Letter dimissory; the latter recommended by the standing committee in connecticut, were ordained Deacons & licensed to preach.

At a special ordination held in St. Peter's Church, in Cheshire on Sunday, the first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety-nine, Calvin White, recommended by the standing committee & presented by the Rev'd Mr. Hubbard, was ordained Priest.

By us ABRAHAM Bp of CONNECTICUT.

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on christmas day, 1799, Abraham Brunson, assistant instructor in the Academy, recommended by Dr. Bowden, the principal of the Academy, & the Rev'd Mr. Ives, Rector of the church in Cheshire; the standing committee expressed their concurrence, & gave their reason for not transmitting a Testimonial in form, that they had not received the previous certificate required by the cannon; upon this virtual, tho' not formal Testimonial it was judged best to proceed; and the said Abraham Brunson was accordingly presented by the Rev'd Dr. Bowden and ordained Deacon & licensed to preach.

-[1800]-

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on Trinity Sunday, June eighth, eighteen hundred, Jasher Davis Jones and Gamaliel Thatcher were ordained Deacons, examined and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Bowden, Mr. Jones assistant instructor in the Academy, recommended by the Clergy of Connecticut in convocation. Mr. Thatcher recommended by the same, and ordain'd at the

request of the right Rev'd Dr. Bass, Bp. of Massachusetts, as he was to officiate at Lanesborough and exhibited a Title from the Church in that Town. Both were licensed to preach.

At a special Ordination held in St. James's Church, New London, on Thursday, Oct'r 16, 1800, Evan Rogers, presented by the Rev'd Charles Seabury, was, on the recommendation of the Clergy then present in convocation, ordained Priest.

—[1801]—

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on Sunday, Jan'y 18th, 1801, Nathan B. Burgess, presented by the Rev'd Dr. Bowden, was, on recommendation of the standing committee, ordained Deacon and licensed to preach.

At an Ordination held in Trinity Church, New Town, on Wednesday, the 3d day of June, 1801, Gamaliel Thatcher presented by the Rev'd Daniel Burhans; on the recommendation of the Clergy at that time met in convention, was ordained

-[1802]-

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on Sunday, the 24th day of January, 1802, with advice and consent according to the cannon 2d of 1801, and being recommended by the standing committee of Connecticut; Janus Kilburn, presented by the Rev'd John Bowden, was admitted Deacon, and licensed to preach.

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on Tuesday, the 13th of April, 1802, Nathan B. Burgess, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Reuben Ives, was ordained Priest.

ABRAHAM Bp of CONNECTICUT.

At an ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on Wednesday, the 14th day of April, 1802, Clement Meriam, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Reuben Ives, was ordained Deacon.

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, on Wednesday, the 19th of May, 1802, Jasper Davis Jones, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Reuben Ives, was ordained Priest.

At an Ordination held in (______) Church, Huntington, on Wednesday, the 2d day of June, 1802, Henry Whitlock, recommended by the Clergy then met in convention, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Todd, Rector of the church, was ordained Priest.



At an Ordination held in Trinity church, New Haven, on Tuesday, the 19th of Oct'r, 1802, Joseph Perry, recommended by the standing committee, & presented by the Rev'd Daniel Burhans, was ordained Deacon.

-[1803]-

At a special Ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Sunday, the 25th day of September, 1803, Galen Hicks, A. M., of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, recommended by the standing committee of convention of the church in the state aforesaid, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Hubbard, Rector of Trinity Church, was ordained Priest.

Note, the following registry of the Ordination of the Rev'd Abraham Brunson, Priest, ought to have preceded that of the Rev'd Mr. Hicks.

At an Ordination held in St. James Church in Danbury, on Wednesday, the first day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1803, the day of the annual State convention, Abraham Brunson, recommended by the Clergy of Connecticut in convention, & presented by the Rev'd David Butler, was ordained Priest.

At an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church in Cheshire, on Sunday, the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and three, Samuel Griswold, recommended by the Clergy of Connecticut, in convocation and the standing committee, agreeable to the 5th cannon of 1789, having their full belief and expectation that he will be received and Settled as a pastor, by some one of the vacant Churches in this State, and being presented by the Rev'd Reuben Ives, Rector of the said Church was ordained Deacon.

-[1804]-

At an ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Sunday, the seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and four, Asa Cornwall, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Bela Hubbard, D. D., was ordained Deacon.

-[1805]-

At an ordination held in Christ's Church in Middletown, on Thursday, the sixth of June, 1805, Rev'd Samuel Griswold, Clement Meriam & Timothy Hilliard, entitled and recommended according to the Cannons of the church, and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Hubbard, were ordained Priests.

ABRAHAM Bp. of CONNECTICUT.

On Sunday, the ninth of June, 1805, being Trinity Sunday in the same church, being duly recommended according to the cannons of the church, and presented by the Rev. Mr. Meriam, Messrs. Russel Wheeler, Barsillai Buckley, John Blackburn, Virgil H. Barber, Roger Searl, were ordained Deacons.

At an ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on advent Sunday, the first day of December, 1805, John Ward, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Hubbard, was ordained Deacon.

[1806]

At an ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Sunday, the eighth day of June, 1806, John Lynn Blackburne, and Roger Searl were ordered Priests. The former recommended by the Rev'd Alexander Viets Griswold and the Rev'd Theodore Dehon, & the Wardens & Vestry of St. John's Church, Providence, State of Rhode Island, who have elected him their Rector, and by the standing committee of Connecticut; which committee also recommended the latter.

At an ordination held in Trinity Church, New Town, on Sunday, Oct'r 12, 1806, Elijah G. Plum, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Burhans, was ordained Deacon and licensed to preach.

_[1807]—

At an ordination held in Christ's church, Watertown, on Thursday, June 4th, 1807, Russel Which recommended by the Standing Committee, & presented by the Rev'd Mr. Shelton, was ordained Priest, & inducted Rector of Christ's church in Watertown on the same day.

At an ordination held in St. John's church, Bridgeport on Wednesday the sixteenth, being the first ember day in September, 1807, Salmon Wheaton, Benjamin Benham, and David Baldwin, recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Shelton, were ordained Deacons. At the unanimous recommendation and request of all the standing committee, the knowledge of the Latin language, in respect of Mr. Benham, was dispensed with. The above named Deacons were licensed to preach.

At a publick ordination held in St. John's church, Bridgeport on Sunday, the 20th of September, 1807, Asa Cornwall and Virgil H. Barber, recommended by the Standing committee, and presented by the Rev. Mr. Shelton, were ordained Priests.

At an ordination held in St. James's church, New London, on Sunday the eleventh day of October, 1807, John Ward, recommended by the Wardens & Vestry of Trinity Church, Newport, and the Standing committee of convention of the State of Rhode Island, and presented by the Rev'd Charles Seabury, Rector of the said St. James's church was ordained Priest.

[1808]

At an ordination held in Christ's church in Norwalk on Wednesday the thirty-first day of August, 1808, Elijah G. Phun and Benjamin Benham, Recommended by the standing committee of convention in the State of Connecticut, and



presented by the Rev'd Mr. Whitlock, were promoted to the order of Pricsts.

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At an ordination held in Christ's Church, Norwalk, on Sunday, the fourth day of September, 1808, Salmon Wheaton recommended by the standing committee of the convention in the State of Connecticut and presented by the Rev. Mr. Whitlock was promoted to the order of Priests.

At a publick ordination held in Trinity church Newhaven on Sunday, the 18th of December, 1808, Joseph Davis Wellon and Sturgis Gilbert, recommended by the standing Committee, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Shelton, were ordained Deacons. Mr. Sturgis Gilbert was licensed to preach in the Towns of Salisbury, Sharon, Kent & Canaan. Mr. Welton was licensed to preach in St. Peter's church, Plymouth, and the church in the parish of Northfield.

-[1809]-

At an ordination held in Christ's church Guilford on Sunday the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine, David Baldwin, Deacon, was promoted to the order of Priests. Presbyters present, Dr. Mansfield, Dr. Hubbard, and the Rev'd Mr. Bronson. He was recommended by the Clergy, and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Richard Mansfield.

-[1810]

At a publick ordination, held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Sunday, March 18, 1810, Samuel Formar Jarvis, and Daniel McDonald, were ordained Deacons; They were recommended by the standing committee of Connecticut, and presented by the Reverend Tillotson Bronson principal of the episcopal Academy. They were licensed to preach.

At a private ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Friday the 13th day of April, 1810, Nathaniel Huse was ordained Deacon. He was recommended by the standing committee; at the joint request of the committee and a number of other Clergymen, he was ordained at the above mentioned time, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Shelton, Rector of the Church in Bridgport; said Huse was licensed to preach at Warehouse point East Windsor.

At a publick ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven on Sunday, December 234, 1810, Sturgis Gilbert and Joseph D. Welton, were promoted to the order of Priests. Presbyters present, the Rev'd Dr. Mansfield, Dr. Hubbard and Rev'd Mr. Bronson. They were presented by the Rev'd Dr. Mansfield.

At a special Ordination, held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Friday, April 5, 1811, Sanuel Farmar Jarvis, was promoted to the order of Priests. Recommended by the standing Committee, and the Presbyters present were the Rev'd Philo Shelton, Rev'd Ashbel Baldwin, and the Rev'd Henry Whitlock. He was

presented by the Rev'd Mr. Shelton.

At a special ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Sunday, June 23, 1811, Frederick Holcombe was admitted to the order of Deacous. Recommended by the standing committee, and presented by the Rev'd Dr. Hubbard. Mr. Holcombe was licensed to preach.

ABRAHAM Bp of CONNECTICUT.

Scp'r 15, 1811, Stephen Jewett was ordained Deacon, he was presented by the timonials required by the 12th Canon, for the following reasons. Mr. Jewett had contracted with the members of the church in the Town of Paulet, State of Vermont, to become their minister. A valuable parcel of Land, belonging to the October; the Judge of the state had given his opinion that a Clergyman who should be minister of that church, & holding possession of the land according to ticulars came to Mr. Jewett at the Academy in Connecticut so near the time At a special ordination held in Trinity church, New Haven, on Sunday, Rev'd Tillotson Bronson. Mr. Jewett was admitted to orders without the Teschurch in that Town was in danger of being lost; an action in law was then pending for trial before the circuit court, which was to sit early in the ensuing the Statute of the State must be present at the court. Information of these parof the Session of the court, as rendered it impracticable to obtain testimonials in proper form, or to go for ordination to Bristol in the state of Rhode Island, where the Bishop resides, whose diocese includes the church and lands in question. Under these imperious circumstances, the Bishop of Connecticut, judged it expedient and justifiable to deviate from the rules provided for general use, and to ordain Mr. Jewett, as above recorded.

At a special ordination held in Trinity Church, New Haven, on Sunday the 27th of October, 1811, Orin Clarke was ordained Deacon, was duly recommended, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Whitlock.

-[1812]-

At a special Ordination held in Christ Church, Hartford on Tuesday, the second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, Birdsey G. Noble, A. B., having been duly recommended, was ordained Deacon, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Burhans.

At a special ordination held in St. James's church, Danbury, on Monday, the thirty-first day of Aug's, 1812, the Rev'd Reuben Hubbard was ordained Priest. Presented by the Rev'd Mr. Burnhans.

At a public Ordination held in Trinity church, New Haven, on Sunday, December the twentieth, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twelve, Daniel McDonald, and Frederick Holcombe, were ordained Priests. They were regularly recommended, and presented by the Rev'd Mr. Bronson.



[Oct. 20, 1796]

At a Convention of the Clergy of the P. E. Church in Connecticut, at Rev. Mr. Hubbard's N. Haven Octr. 20-1796-

Prefent.

Rev. Dr. Mansfield	Rev Mefs ^{rs} . Brunson
Rev Mefs ^{rs} . Hubbard	Ives
Jarvis	E. Blakflee
Tyler	Todd
Bowden	Butler
Shelton	Seabury
Baldwin	Griswold
Perry	Green
Prindle	Smith, N. Port

After divine Service performed in the Church by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin -

Refolved, That the Rev. Mr Butler be requested to inform the friends of Harry Bostwick, that if f.d Bostwick chooses not to pursue the Study of Divinity, we can do nothing further towards defraying the expence of his education.

Refolved, That a Letter of thanks be written to the Bishop of Landaff, for his excellent Apology for the Bible, (in answer to Thom8. Paine's Age of Reason) signed by the President & counterfigned by the Secretary in behalf of this Convention.—

Refolved, That Rev. Mr. Baldwin be requested to draw up an address agreeably to the foregoing resolve.-

Refolved, That each Clergyman shall propose to his parish, or parishes, the making of a Collection, some time previous to the next annual Convention, for defraying the expense of the Bishop Elect in obtaining Consecration.

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Bowden (Bishop Elect) be requested to folicit aid of fuch pious & charitable persons, or societies, as it may be convenient for him to make application to, in his Tour to Philadelphia, for the encouragement, support, & benefit of the Episcopal Academy in Connecticut.

Refolved, That the standing Committee of this Church be requested to write a letter in answer to the Letter which they received from the Standing Committee of the Church in Rhode

Refolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient that a Presbyter of this Church should attend the Bishop Elect to Philadelphia, when he shall go for Consecration.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Baldwin be requested to attend the Bishop elect agreeably to the preceding Refolve:-And that an attempt be made to make provision for defraying his expences, in the manner before provided for defraying the expence of the

Adjourned to the next annual Conventⁿ, of the Clerical & Lay Delegates-

-[June 7, 1797]

At a Convention of the Episcopal Clergy in Connecticut, holden at Derby on the 1st. wednesday of June 1797

Prefent.—

The Rev. Dr. Manfield, President.

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Rev. Mr. Hubbard		Rev Messrs.	Prindle
Rev. Dr. Bowden			Ives
Rev. Dr. Smith			Brunson
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20 44 4		E.	Blakslee
70	Seabury	S.	Blakslee
Perry	Green	ρ.	
	Miles		

Rev. Mr. Butler read prayers.

Rev. Mr. Marsh preached.

Refolved, That the Secretary be directed to write to the Vestry of the Church in Salisbury, & desire them to inform the Standing Committee of this Church, as to the truth of a report which has been circulated, that the Rev. Mr. Child has advanced fentiments contrary to the doctrines of our Church.-

Refolved, That the Rev. Mr. Marsh be requested to answer a Petition from a Church in Washington respecting certain Lands, which are claimed by faid Church, & also by the Church in Litchfield.-

Refolved, That, if the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, the Bishop Elect, should go to Philadelphia for Consecration, the Rev. Mr. Baldwin be requested to attend him:-And that it be recommended to the feveral Churches in the State to have collections for defraying the expences of both, by the 1st. Sunday in Augt. next, & that the money be fent to the Rev. Mr. Hubbard by the 3d. of

Refolved, That the Rev. Mr. Smith be requested to write to the Convention of the Church in Rhode-Island, & inform them, that we shall be happy to continue in union with them, under the episcopal care of the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, (our Bishop elect) as before under Bishop Seabury.

Refolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton & Smith be the ftanding Committee for the year enfuing.

Adjourned fine die.

-[June 7-8, 1797]-

AT an adjourned Convention of the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden in Derby, June 7th, 1797: PRESENT,

The Rev. Dr. MANSFIELD, President by Seniority.

Rev.		Hubbard,	Rev.		Ives,
5.6		Bowden,	4.6		Marsh,
4.6	6.6	Smith,	6.6		E. Blakeslee,
4.6	Mr.	Shelton,	6.6	6.6	Butler,
5.5	6.6	Baldwin,	6.6		S. Blakeslee,
6.6	6.6	Perry,	6.6	6.6	Seabury,
6.6		Prindle,	4.6		Miles,
4.4		Bronson,	4.6	6.6	Green,

LAY DELEGATES.

FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY

William S. Johnson, Esq., Stratford; Philip Nichols, Esq., Stratfield; Mr. Abel Hall, Tashua; Thomas Belden, Esq., Norwalk; Messrs. Seymour Talmage, Canaan; John Jones, Ridgefield; —— Shelton, Huntington.
FROM LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

Messrs. Seth Landon, Litchfield; Asher Blackslee, Plymouth.

FROM HARTFORD COUNTY. Solomon Griswold, Esq., Dr. Jewet, Simsbury.

TROM NEW HAVEN COUNTY

Dr. Samuel Sanford, Derby; Mr. - Moss, Cheshire.

FROM MIDDLESEX COUNTY. Col. Job Chapman, East Haddam; Mr. Nathaniel Cornwall, Chatham.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Marsh. preached.

After divine service, the Convention being opened for business, the Rev. Dr. Bowden signified to the Convention, in writing, his non-acceptance of the Episcopate.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Five o'clock, met according to adjournment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Marsh, for his well adapted discourse delivered this day before the Convention, and that the Rev. Dr. Mansfield, be requested to do it from the chair, in behalf of the Convention.

The Lay Members withdrew to a separate apartment, and the Clergy proceeded to business by themselves.

Resolved, (by the Clerical Delegates,) That we will proceed. at this time, to elect a person to fill the Episcopal Chair; and the ballots being taken, the Rev. Mr. Jarvis was unanimously elected.

The Lay Delegates being notified of the election, signified, in a short time, by their Secretary, S. W. Johnson, Esq., their unanimous concurrence.

Resolved, That Mr. Elias Shipman be requested to deliver to the Rev.

Mr. Baldwin, whatever moneys may have been collected from the several Episcopal Societies in this State, for the purpose of supporting Missionaries, and that Mr. Baldwin be empowered to put those moneys to use for the benefit of the Church.



Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning. Thursday, 9 o'clock, met in the Church, Rev. Mr. Prindle read prayers. Resolved, 'That the credentials of the Bishop elect shall be signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of both houses of Convention.

Adjourned sine die.

-[Oct. 18-19, 1797]-

AT a Special Convention of the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden at Trinity Church, in New Haven, October 18th, 1797:

PRESENT

-	_	The	Rev.	Dr.	MANS	SFIELD,	Pres	sident.
Kev.	Dr.	Jarvis.						Prindle.
4.4	4.6	Hubbard,				4.6	6.6	Ives,
6.6	6.6	Bowden,				6.6	6.6	Bronson,
6.6	4.6	Smith.				4.6	6.6	Marsh,
6.6	Mr.	Tyler,				44	6.6	Butler.
6.6	6 ti	Shelton,				6.6		Griswold.
6.6	6.6	Baldwin.				8.6		Miles.
6.6	6.6	Perry,						1/11100.

LAY DELEGATES.

Joseph Bradley, Esq., and Col. Joseph Drake, New Haven; Samuel Woodruff, Esq., Wallingford; Messrs. Thomas Atwater, Cheshire; Elam Bradley, Handen; Jesse Beach, Esq., and Joseph Davis, Derby; Samuel Sanford, Great Hill; Isaac Benham, Waterbury.

FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

Messrs. Samuel Jarvis, Stamford; John Cannon, Norwalk; Seymour Talmage, Canaan; Ebenezer Nichols, Fairfield; Calvin Wheeler, Weston; Philip Nichols, Esq., Stratfield; Agur Shelton, Huntington; Abel Hall, Tashua; David Meeker, and Salmon Curtiss, Newtown.

Messrs. Seth Landon, Litchfield; Eli Curtiss, Esq., Watertown; Jared Sperry, New Preston; Noah M. Bronson, and Stephen Graves, Plymouth. FROM HARTFORD COUNTY.

Solomon Griswold, Esq., Simsbury.

Convention being opened, and the Rules of Order read,

Resolved, That Eli Curtis, Esq. be requested to receive the collections which have been made in the several parishes, for defraying certain expenses attending the consecration of the Bishop, in order that said moneys may be applied to the purpose intended.

Divine Service was then attended. Morning prayer read by the Rev. Mr. Ives. A sermon adapted to the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Dr.

The Right Rev. Dr. White, Bishop of Pennsylvania; the Right Rev. Dr. Provost, Bishop of New York; and the Right Rev. Dr. Bass, Bishop of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, being present for the purpose of consecrating the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, (Bishop elect of the Church in Connecticut,) the Right Rev. Dr. White acted as the officiating Bishop, and the Bishops Provost and Bass assisted.

The act of consecration being completed, the Right Rev. Dr. Jarvis was recognized by the Convention as the Bishop of Connecticut, and received their congratulations in a very affectionate address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, to which Bishop Jarvis returned a very suitable answer. After this, he delivered an excellent charge to the Clergy, and Laity of his

Diocese. Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning, October 19th, met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Griswold read prayers.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Right Rev.

Bishops White, Provost, and Bass, for the very important services rendered by them to the Church in this State, by the consecration of our Bishop

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be requested to prepare an address

read to the Convention and approved of.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee, (viz: Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Messrs. Baldwin and Shelton,) be requested to wait on the Right Rev. Bishops, with the address of thanks in behalf of the Convention, and a gratuity for defraying the expenses which have accrued to them on the present occa-

sion. The gratuity they generously declined accepting—though Dr. Bass was at length prevailed on to accept it.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be requested to return the thanks of the Convention to the Right Rev. Dr. Jarvis, for his excellent charge delivered to the Clergy and Laity of his Diocese, and to request a copy of the

same for the press.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Baldwin and Eli Curtiss, Esq., be appointed a committee to present the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. Dr. Smith, for his sermon delivered yesterday before the Convention, and to request a

copy thereof for the press.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be authorized to receive all moneys due and belonging to the Church in this State, for the purpose of putting them to use for the benefit of the Church, and that said committee be accountable to this Convention for said moneys.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Smith be requested to accept of a mission to New York, for the purpose of soliciting donations for the benefit of the Episcopal Academy in this State.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to prefer a Memorial to the General Assembly for the Bishop's Fund, be continued; and that said committee be requested to pursue said Memorial at the session of Assembly in May

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, to the Right Rev. Dr. Jarvis, for his services as President of this Convention, and to the Rev. Mr. Perry for his services as Secretary. Convention dismissed.

-[June 6-7, 1798]-

AT a Convention of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden in St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, June 6th, 1798:

PRESENT.

		The Right Rev.	. Bishop	JAF	LVIS,
Rev,	Dr.	Mansfield,	Rev.	Mr.	lves,
6.6		Hubbard,	4.6	6.6	Bronson,
		Bowden,	1.6	6.6	Todd.
6.6	8.6	Smith,	4.6	6.6	Prindle,
4.6	Mr.	Shelton,			Marsh,
6.6	6.6	Baldwin,			Butler,
6.6		Perry,			Seabury.

LAY DELEGATES.

FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Messrs. Sturges Sperry, Stamford; Thomas Belden, Esq., and Gould Hoyt, Norwalk; Capt. Stephen Betts, Canaan; Daniel Meeker, Fairfield; William Prince, Trumbull; Richard Mansfield, Huntington; Cyrus Beers, Newtown; William Heron, Esq., Reading.

FROM NEW HAVEN COUNTY.
Messrs. Abijah Hull, Derby; Thomas Atwater, Cheshire.

FROM HARTFORD COUNTY.

Messrs. Solomon Griswold, Simsbury; John Goodrich, Wethersfield. FROM LITCHFIELD COUNTY

Messrs. Heber Stone, and Sylvester Wheaton, Litchfield; Amos Squire,

Roxbury.

Rev. Mr. Seabury read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Todd preached.

Dr. Smith appointed Secretary of Convention. The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, the Rules of Order were read by the Secretary, and

At 4 P. M., Convention met according to adjournment, and Mr. Ives read

prayers.

A petition from certain persons of the Episcopal Church, in the town of Litchfield, being presented to obtain permission to erect themselves into a parish, a committee was appointed to consider and make report upon the

Voted, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the grand levy of the Church in this State, in order to ascertain what sum of money may be obtained for the commencement of a fund for the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire; and that this committee be Dr. Bowden, Mr. Ives, Thomas Belden, and Solomon Griswold, Esqrs,
Voted, That this Convention do accept the report of the committee on the

voted, That this Convention to accept the report of the committee on the petition for erecting a new parish in Litchfield, and the sanction of this Convention is given accordingly to the prayer of said petition.

Voted, That the Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Perry, and Ives, be Clerical Delegates to the next General Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia. Voted, That Thomas Belden, and Solomon Griswold, Esqrs., be Lay Delegates to the aforesaid General Convention.

Voted, That a Treasurer be appointed to receive all donations that may be procured for the use of the Episcopal Academy, and that all such shall Voted, That Isaac Beers, of New Haven, be Treasurer to receive all do-

nations that may be obtained for the Academy.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Bronson be admitted into the body of trustees

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Blobs is a dathlete like the body of the steep of the Episcopal Academy.

Voted, That the resignation of Rev. Mr. Shelton's seat as one of the trustees of the Episcopal Academy, be accepted.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Prindle be appointed one of the trustees of the

Episcopal Academy.

Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning. 8 o'clock, Convention met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Ives read prayers.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to draft an address to the President of the United States, and that the committee be Dr. Bowden, and Dr.

Voted, That the money formerly collected for the purpose of sending Missionaries to the frontiers of the States, be applied to the benefit of the Episcopal Academy.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to draft a body of canons for the use of this Diocese, and report to the next Convention.

Voted, That this committee shall consist of three persons, viz: Dr. Bow-

den, Messrs. Ives and Bronson.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented by the Secretary

to the Bishop, for his charge delivered before them yesterday.

Voted, That it be recommended to the several congregations in this Diocese, to collect annually for the use of the Bishop one half-penny on the pound, in such way and manner, as to them shall seem most expedient.

Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Convention met at 3 o'clock in the afternoon according to adjournment. Voted, That Dr. Smith, Messrs. Shelton and Baldwin, be the Standing



Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Standing Committee inquire into the state of the several vacant Churches in this Diocese, and recommend the most probable methods for having them supplied.

Voted, That the next Convention in this Diocese be holden at Waterbury, on the day appointed by the Constitution.

Voted, That this Convention be dissolved.

Attest,

WILLIAM SMITH, Secretary.

N. B. It having proved highly inconvenient for the Convention to meet at Waterbury, the Bishop ordered it to meet in St. John's Church, Stratfield.

[Aug. 22, 1798]

At a meeting of the Bishop & Presbyters of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticutt at the house of Mr Thaddeus Clark at Oyster River on Wednesday the 22d day of August 1798.—18

Prefent Mess Hubbard Right Rev^d Abraham Jarvis, Bishop. Baldwin Doctor Jeremiah Leaming Shelton Doctor Richard Mansfield Ives Doctor John Bowden Prindle.-

Mr Baldwin was chosen Secretary-

Mess Smith, Shelton & Baldwin were appointed a Committee to frame Articles of Religion to be laid before the next State

Mr Bethel Judd was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's

Mr Jasper D Jones was admitted a Candidate for holy Orders-

Reverd Mr. Baldwin was requested to address the President of the United States in behalf of this Convocation—19

Divine Service was attended at the Church in West Haven-Rev^d M^r Baldwin read prayers. The Bishop delivered a Sermon & attended Confirmation.-

Convocation Adjourn'd Sine Die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

Oyster River was a part of the boundary between New Haven and Orange, in which the ancient parish of Christ Church, West Haven, was situated. It also gave its name to a locality where were many churchmen, prominent among them the descendants of Thomas Clark, one of the founders of the parish in 1732. Thaddeus Clark afterwards removed to Genesee County, N. Y., where he continued to do a good work for the Church in a pioneer community.

--[June 6-7, 1799}-

AT a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden in St. John's Church, Stratfield, June 6th, 1799:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, Rev. Dr. Mansfield, Rev. Mr. Todd,

" Butler, Hubbard, 6.6 " Bowden, Griswold. 66 6.6 " Smith, White, Deacon, 44 Mr. Shelton, 66 Judd, 66 6.6 Baldwin, Rogers, 66 Prindle, Callahan, " " Ives,

VISITING CLERGY.

Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Providence, and Rev. Mr. Burhans, from Massa-

LAY DELEGATES.

Western Ep. ch. Litchfield; Jesse Beach, Esq., Derby; Isaac Nichols, Oxford; Andrew Hill, Esq., Reading.

Rev. Mr. Shelton read prayers; the Bishop preached.

Dr. Smith appointed Secretary; Lay testimonials produced, and Rules

of Convention read.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, that a committee be appointed to

prepare a statement of matters relative to the Episcopal Academy, agree-

able to the Bishop's address,—
Voted, That this committee be Dr. Bowden, and Ephraim Curtiss, Esq. Convention adjourned until 4, P. M.

Met by adjournment.

The committee reported the progress in preparing a body of Canons for the use of this Diocese, according to a vote of the last Convention, and desired leave of reading the same.

Leave granted. Accordingly the proposed Canons were read, and a sec-

ond reading required.

Canons, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, were approved, and the others re-committed for further deliberation, and to be reported to this Convention to-morrow.

Voted, That Clerical and Lay Delegates be appointed by this Convention to attend the next General Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend it to the several congregations in this Diocese to raise by voluntary collection or otherwise, such sums of money as shall be necessary for defraying the expenses of Delegates to the next General Convention, which moneys shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of this Convention by the 1st day of August next.

Voted, That Isaac Beers, of New Haven, be Treasurer of this Convention.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow

morning.

At 9 o'clock Thursday morning, Convention met according to adjournment. Mr. Callahan read prayers. Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented by the Secretary,

voted, That the man's of this convention be presented by the Secretary, to the Bishop for his sermon and address delivered yesterday before them.

Voted, That Philip Nichols and Benjamin Hall, Esqrs., be Lay Delegates to the next General Convention at Philadelphia.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Smith, and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, be Clerical

Delegates to the next General Convention as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Judd, of Farmington, and Mr. Woodruff, of Wallingford, be excused from attending the duties of trustees of the Episcopal

Voted, That it be the duty of each Clergyman in this Diocese, together with some respectable Layman in his Parish, previous to the 20th day of October, to visit as many of his parishioners as possible, and solicit individual donations from them for the use of the Episcopal Academy, which monso collected shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Academy, by the 20th day of November; and shall be under the direction of the trustees of

Voted, That one or more agents be appointed by the trustees of the Episcopal Academy, to go to Europe for the purpose of soliciting donations for said Academy, as soon as the trustees shall be possessed of unappropriated

funds, sufficient for defraying the expenses of such a mission.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to communicate to the several vacant Churches in this Diocese, the vote of this Convention for raising money for the use of the Academy, by individual donation.

The committee for preparing Canons for the use of the Diocese, reported that they had reconsidered the other Canons re-committed yesterday, and were ready to present them for a reading.

Canons read by the Secretary.

Voted, That this Convention do adopt these Canons as Ecclesiastical rules of this Diocese, and order them to be engrossed on the minutes of Convention.

Voted, That William M'Crackan, New Haven, be appointed Treasurer

to receive the moneys arising from the Tax of two farthings on the pound, and that he be requested to write to the several Societies in this Diocese, desiring them to forward to him immediately the sums respectfully due from them, and that the said Treasurer render his account to the annual Con-

Voted, That the Church Wardens or committees of the several Churches in this Diocese, be requested to take an exact enumeration of all the inhabitants belonging to the irrespective Church or Congregation, on or before the 1st day of January, 1800, distinguishing the numbers of each sex, and of Ist day of January, 1800, distinguishing the numbers of each sex, and of heads of families, and that they make report of this enrollment, also the grand Levy, to the ensuing annual Convention.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Smith, and Messrs. Shelton and Baldwin, be the Standing Committee of Convention for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Benjamin Hall, Esq., have leave of absence.

Voted, That Burrage Beach, Esq., and Moses Moss, of Cheshire, be admitted trustees of the Episcopal Academy.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be desired to call upon all persons who have purchased copies of Dr. Smith's reply to Mr. Blatchford, to settle with them for the same.

with them for the same.

Voted. That a committee of communication for each county in the Dio-Voted, That a committee of communication for each county in the Diocese be appointed, viz: Mr. Ives, for New Haven; Mr. Todd, for Hartford; Mr. Griswold, for Litchfield; Mr. Solomon Blakeslee, for Middlesex; Mr. Seabury, for New London; Mr. Rogers, for Tolland and Windham; and M. Butler, for Fairfield.

Voted, That Mr. Ives be desired to acquaint the absent members of the above committee, of their appointment.

Voted, That Dr. Smith be desired to prepare an Office, for inducting and

recognizing Clergymen into vacant Parishes, and present the same for adoption, to the next Convention of this Diocese.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented by the Secretary to the following gentlemen, viz: Isaac Beers, Elias Shipman, Ephraim

Kirby, Esqrs., and Mr. Todd, for their liberal and spirited exertions before the Legislature, to obtain an Act of Incorporation for the Bishop's fund.

Voted, That Mr. Bostwick have leave of absence.



Voted, That this Convention be dissolved. Attest.

WILLIAM SMITH, Sec. of Con.

CANONS ADOPTED BY THE ABOVE CONVENTION.

CAN. 1. Each officiating settled Minister in this Diocese, shall keep a Book or Register, in which he shall enter every Baptism, Marriage, and Funeral, within his cure. He shall also keep a Register of the Communicants of his Church, and the number of Families within his cure. And this notitia parochialis shall be presented to the Bishop at the annual State Convention.

CAN. 2. No Minister shall admit any person to the Holy Communion until he shall have conversed with him on the subject, unless he be certain

that he is a regular Communicant in some other Church.

CAN. 3. Disorderly and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard to the Constitutions or Canons of the Church, or disseminating or countenancing opinions which are contrary to its doctrines, are offences for which a

Clergyman may be brought to trial.

CAN. 4. If a minister offend in any of these respects, application in writing, signed by his accusers, shall be sent, in the first instance to the Standing Committee, and if it appears to them that there is ground for the charge, they shall report thereupon to the Bishop, who shall call a Convention of his Clergy, (not less than seven,) and after a full and fair trial and examination, the Bishop, with the advice of the Clergy present, shall pronounce sentence against him.

CAN. 5. The Clergy shall pay strict regard to the Rubrics of the Church, and shall neither alter nor mutilate the service, otherwise than they are by

the Rubrics permitted.

CAN. 6. The Clergy shall pay due attention to their dress, and shall deviate as little as possible in this respect from Clerical propriety.

CAN. 7. All persons belonging to this State, who intend to apply to the Bishop for Holy Orders, shall make known to him their intention in writing,

twelve months before such application.

CAN. 8. All Candidates for Holy Orders shall be examined in such subjects as are prescribed by the Canon of the General Convention.

CAN. 9. No Clergyman shall remove from one Parish to another, in this Diocese, without the Bishop's consent. But if the Bishop should refuse, and the Clergyman should thereby think himself aggrieved, an appeal may be made to the Convention.

CAN. 10. When a number of members of this Church are desirous of forming a new congregation, information thereof shall be given to the Bishop in writing, who shall give such directions on the subject as shall seem

proper to him, for their instruction and consideration,

CAN. 11. Every Clergyman settled in this State shall, on the next Sunday after Easter in every year, preach a sermon to his congregation, on the duties which are peculiarly Episcopal; and in which he shall lay before his people the propriety and necessity of supporting the Episcopal Office with becoming dignity.

-{Nov. 20, 1799}

At a Convocation of the Episcopal Clergy of the State of Connecticut holden at Derby on the 20th. Nov. 1799-

Present

The Rt. Revd. Bishop Jarvis .--

Dr.	Bowden	$\mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{r}}$.	Prindle
	Manffield		Todd
	Hubbard		Hart
	Smith	* "	Griswold
Mr.	Shelton		Butler
	Baldwin		Bourhanse
	Ives		White
	Brunson		Judd—
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Revd. Dr. Hubbard read prayers, & Rt. Revd. the Bishop preached.

Voted-that the thanks of this Convocation be presented to the Bishop for his Sermon this day delivered at the Confecration of the new Church, & that the Secretary be defired to deliver the

Voted-that the Bishop with Dr. Bowden, Meisrs. Ives, Hubbard & Brunson be a Committee for the purpose of framing a Canon to regulate Clerical attendance upon State Conventions & Convocations; - and also to addrefs certain clergymen of this Diocese upon the Subject of their neglect of those clerical meetings.

Rd. Mr. Hart prefented a Vote passed by the Episcopal churches of Wethersfield & Worthington, adopting the Consti-

tution of the Prot. Epifc. Ch. in this Diocese.

The Secretary prefented an Office of Induction for the confideration of this house.

The Convocation resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, Dr. Bowden in the chair, in order to examine the proposed Office, paragraph by paragraph.

The Chairman of the Committee reported to the President of Convocation, that the Committee approved of the proposed

Voted—That the proposed Office of Induction be adopted by this house & that the thanks of the same be presented to Dr. Smith for the same—that it be printed without delay, & that the Bishop be defired to transmit a Copy of the same to the several Bishops in the U.S. & to the Standing Committees of those States, in which there are no Bishops.20

Voted-That Messrs. Shelton and Smith be Auditors to examine & país Mr. Baldwin's Accott. of Conventional monies.-

Adjourned fine die-

William Smith Secy

-{June 4-5, 1800}-

AT a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, holden at Waterbury, June 4th, 1800:

PRESENT.

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, Rev. Dr. John Bowden, Rev. Mr. Ambrose Todd, Calvin White, " Mr. Ashbel Baldwin, 6.6 " Charles Seabury Reuben Ives. " Alexander V. Griswold, 66 66 Tillotson Bronson, 6.6 Daniel Burhans, 6.6 6.6 " Chauncey Prindle, " Bethel Judd, Deacon, 66 6.6 John Tyler, " Truman Marsh,

VISITING BRETHREN. Rev. Amos Pardee, Rev. Joseph Warren, Deacon Ezra Bradley.

LAY DELEGATES.

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Messrs. Lazarus Beach, Stratfield; Joseph Prindle, Canaan; David Beers, Esq., Newtown; Ezra Griswold, Simsbury; Doctor Mark Neevel, Southington; William Scovil, Watertown; John Peters, Esq., Hebron; John Cortis, Huntington; Benajah Hawley, Roxbury; David Marks, Plymouth; Samuel Jarvis, Stamford; Benjamin Hall, Esq., Trumbull; Major Garwood H. Cunningham, Woodbury; Thomas Atwater, Cheshire; Mark Prindle, Esq., Litchfield; Hezekiah Jarvis, Norwalk; Ashur Blakesly, Plymouth; Edward Starr, Reading; Dunlap Coggswall, Canaan; Ephraim Warner, Waterbury. Warner, Waterbury

Mr. Burhans read prayers. The Bishop preached. The Rev. Mr. Baldwin appointed Secretary. Lay testimonials produced, and Rules of Con-

vention read.

Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met according to adjournment.

On notion by the Rev. Dr. Bowden,
Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Bishop for
his excellent sermon delivered before them this day.
Rev. Messrs. Asbel Baldwin, Philo Shelton, Daniel Burhans, Ambrose

Todd, and David Butler, were chosen the standing committee of this Con-

The Rev. Calvin White was elected a Trustee of the Episcopal Academy. Voted, That this Convention be adjourned until 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At 7 o'clock, the Convention met according to adjournment.

Rev. Charles Seabury read prayers.
On motion, Voted, That the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin be appointed a committee to receive the amount of the list of the several Parishes in this Diocese, and by them to ascertain the quota of each Parish, which it shall be necessary for said Parish to pay to raise the sum of seven hundred dollars, which sum, when raised, to be appropriated to the support of an agent to be sent to Europe to solicit donations for the Episcopal Academy in this State. And it shall be the duty of each Clergyman, and in his absence, the clerks of his Parishes to forward by the first day of July next, to the Rev. Mr.

Baldwin, the amount or the list of their respective Parishes. And it shall be the duty of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, where the respective quotas are asbe the duty of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, where the respective quotas are ascertained, to forward an account of said quotas to some active Leyman of each Parish, by the first day of August next, whose duty it shall be to raise the money in such way and manner as the said Parishes may think proper, and forward the same to Doctor Bowden, Principal of said Academy, by the first day of September next.

Voted, That the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Philo Shelton, Rev. Daniel Burhans, Benjamin Hall, Esq., and Mr. Lazarus Beach, be appointed a committee to select and publish such parts of this, and the General Conven-



tion of the Episcopal Church, as they may think proper.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to their President and Secretary.

Voted, That this Convention be dissolved.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

-[Oct. 15, 1800]

Two leaves have been left blank here. There was a meeting of the Clergy at New London, October 15, 1800.]

--[June 2, 1801]--

At a Meeting of the Bishop & Clergy of the Diocese of Connecticutt in Convocation holden at (New Town) the 2d. day of June 1801

Present

Right Rev^d. Abraham Jarvis, Bishop of Con. Revd. Mefs Mansfield DD

Bowden DD Deacons Hubbard Tudd Shelton Burges Baldwin Thatcher Prindle Tones Brownson Rogers Marsh Butler Griswold Burhans

Mr. Baldwin was appointed Secretary.

Mr. Camp & Mr. Basfield petitioned to be admitted Candidates, and were negatived .-

Capt Chittenden presented a Vote passed by the Episcopal Congregation in Salisbury, adopting the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese.-

The report of the Standing Committee upon the complaint exhibited to them against Deacon Caleb Childs, was agreed to by this Convocation and the Bishop was requested to publish his sentence of degradation in such way & manner as he shall judge proper .--

Adjourned Sine Die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-[June 3-4, 1801]

AT a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of Connecticut, holden at Newtown, the 3d day of June, 1801:

PRESENT.

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, Rev. Mr. Ambrose Todd, Rev. Dr. Mansfield, " John Bowden, Alexander V. Griswold, 4.6 " Daniel Burhans, " Mr. Bela Hubbard, Philo Shelton, " Evan Rogers, " Bethel Judd, Deacon, 6.6 Ashbel Baldwin, Thatcher,
Burgis,
Whitlock, " Chauncey Prindle, " Tillotson Bronson, " Truman Marsh, " Jasper D. Jones, " " David Butler,

LAY DELEGATES.

Messrs. Stephen Morehouse, New Preston; Stiles Curtis, Ridgefield; Capt. James Beatty, Norwalk; Elijah Burritt, Stratfield; Robert Downs, Weston; Samuel Jarvis, Reading; Samuel W. Southmade, Watertown; John Curtiss, Huntington; Isaac Kirtland, Wallingford; Joseph Prindle, Canaan; Abijah Hull, Derby; Capt. Timothy Chittenden. Salisbury; James Clark, Esq., Danbury; Benajah Hawley, Roxbury; Elisha Wilcox. Stratford; Major Nathan Hubbell, Trumbull; Dr. Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Joseph Ferris, Newtown.

A procession was formed by the members of this Convention from the

A procession was formed by the members of this Convention from the house of the Rev. Mr. Burhans to the Episcopal Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M., attended by a band of music. Mr. Burhans read the morning service. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Butler; and Deacon Gamiel Thatcher was admitted to the Holy Order of Priest.

The congregation being dismissed, Convention was opened by the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin elected Secretary.

Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Prindle, Voted. That the thanks of this house be presented by the Bishop, to the Rev. Mr. Butler, for his well adapted sermon

delivered before them this day. On motion, Voted, That Messrs. Hubbard, Baldwin, Bronson, John Cur-

On motion, Voted, That Messrs. Hubbard, Baldwin, Bronson, John Curtis, James Clark, and Abijah Hull, be a committee to make an inquiry respecting the state of the Episcopal Academy, and report thereon.

Agreeable to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, the house divided and proceeded to the choice of Clerical and Lay Deputies to attend the General Convention to be holden at Trenton, in September next, when the ballots being taken by the Clergy, it appeared that Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton, Brown, and Rogers, were duly elected to represent their body; and the Laity reported the names of Messrs. James Clark, Esq., and Dr. Nathaniel Perry, as duly chosen to represent their body.—Messrs. Hubbard, Bronson, and Ives, were appointed the standing committee of this Convention for the year ensuing. tee of this Convention for the year ensuing.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. James Clark, and Isaac Kirtland, during the remainder of the session.

Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning, 7 o'clock, Convention met according to adjournment. Mr. Butler read morning prayer. The Bishop delivered a charge to his Clergy.

On motion, Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Hubbard present the thanks of this Convention to the Bishop, for his excellent address delivered to them this day. Voted, That the Delegates who shall represent this Convention, in Gene-

ral Convention, be requested to advocate an alteration of the Constitution which respects the time of meeting for the General Convention.

Voted, That a collection be made in the several Parishes in this Diocese, in the month of July, and the moneys collected be transmitted to the Rev A. Baldwin, which shall be applied to defray the expenses of the delegates in attending the General Convention.

On motion, Voted, That the several Parishes in this Diocese be requested to raise the several sums apportioned according to their respective lists, agreeable to a resolution of the Convention passed in June, 1800, and transmit the same to the Rev. Mr. Bowden, Principal of the Academy, by the 1st day of January, 1802. And whereas doubts may arise respecting the construction of the vote referred to, it is voted, that if the mission contem-Dated does not go into effect, then the money so collected shall be returned to the respective Parishes.

On motion of Mr. Curtis, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Rev. Mr. Bronson in the chair.

Voted, That it be recommended to the several Parishes in this Diocese, to

raise a sum which shall amount to a tax of one and an half mill on the dollar, on the list of 1799, in such way as they shall think proper, for the purpose of paying the Bishop's salary for the year 1802, to be collected and paid to him by the first Wednesday of June next.

The chairman of the committee reported the foregoing resolves to the

Convention, which adopted the same.

On motion, Voted, the thanks of this Convention to the President for his attendance during this session.

Adjourned without day.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

-[Nov. 10, 1801]-

At a meeting of the Bishop & Clergy of the Diocese of Connecticutt, in Convocation holeden at the City of Hartford the 10th. day of Novr. 1801.-

Present

Right. Rev ^d . Bishop Jarvis, D.D.	Doctor Marsh
Doctor Bowden	Burhans
Fogg	Griswold
Tyler	Revner
Shelton	Butler
Baldwin	
Prindle Deacon	D
Seabury Jone	Rogers

Mr. Baldwin was elected Secretary .-

The following order of proceedings was agree'd upon for to morrow.-(viz)

A procession from Mr Reyner's to the Church.

Consecration Service by the Bishop.

Morning Service by Mr Seabury

Deed of Consecration by Mr Burhans

Induction Service by Mr Shelton

Sermon-by Mr Baldwin

Convocation adjourn'd untill 9 OClock to morrow



Opened agreeable to adjournment—when a procession was made agreeable to the order proposed last evening-from the house of Mr Reyner to the Church-when the office of Consecration & Induction was performed—21 After Dinner the Convocation met at Mr Reyner's at 6 OClock P. M .-

On motion, Voted that the Bishop present the thanks of Convocation to Mr. Baldwin for his Sermon delivered before them this day.-

Voted, That the Revd. Mr Hubbard be requested to call on Deacon Bradley, & demand his Letters of Orders.-

Voted that Mr Whitlock be requested to call on Deacon Belden, & enquire of him whether he intends to relinquish his Clerical Office & if he intends to do so, demand his Letters of Orders—and if he does not intend to give up his Letters, that Mr Whitlock inform him of the Cannon of degradation, passed by the last General Convention.-

Resolved-That Mess Tyler, Seabury, & Rogers be a Committee to call on Mr Solomon Blakesley & enquire of him the reasons for his not attending the State Conventions & Convocations.-

Adjournd Sine Die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary.

[The following, on a slip of paper, is pinned into the book: On motion

Resolved, that the Rev^d. Ammi Rogers produce Testimonials from the Brethren in the State of New York, previous to his taking a seat in the Convocation.

Ordered, that the above be kept on file, but not entered on the Journals.—]

-[April 12, 1802]-

At a Meeting of the Bishop & Clergy in Convocation holden at Cheshire at the house of the Revd. Reuben Ives April 12th. 1802

	Prefent.—	
Bishop Jarvis	Brownson	
Doctor Mansfield	Todd	Deacons
Hubbard	Blakesley	Jones
Shelton	Griswold	Whitlock
Baldwin	E. Rogers	Burges
Ives	Warner	Kilbourn
Prindle	Rayner	Perry.—

Mr. Baldwin was chosen Secretary

A petition from Revd Evan Rogers was presented to the Convocation, to be removed from his Parish at Hebron, which was granted. Yeas 15-Nays 3-

Adjourned Sine Die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

[April 12, 1802]

AT a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut, holden at Cheshire, on the 12th day of April, 1802:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield, Rev. Mr. Ambrose Todd, Mr. Bela Hubbard, " Evan Rogers,
" Joseph Warren Philo Shelton, Menzies Rayner, 6.6 " Ashbel Baldwin, " Jasper D. Jones, Deacon,
" Whitlock, 4.6 " Reuben Ives, 4.0 " Tillotson Bronson, " Burgis, " Chauncey Prindle,
" Alexander V. Griswold, 6.6 Kiibourn, 44 Perry, Solomon Blakeslee,

LAY DELEGATES.

Messrs. Hezekiah Jarvis, Stamford; Charles Bostwick, Stratfield; Abijah Hull, Derby; Thomas Atwater, Cheshire; Amasa Bradley, Hamden; Enoch Foot, Stratford; Abraham Blakeslee, New Haven; Selah Brockley,

Mr. Baldwin was chosen Secretary.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., to meet in the Academy.

A procession was formed from the house of Bishop Jarvis to the Church,
and divine service was performed by the Bishop; and Deacon Burgis was admitted to the Holy Order of Priest.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock, Convention met agreeable to adjournment.

Rules of Order were read by the Secretar

Dr. Bowden's resignation of Principal of the Academy was read and

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the ballots for a Principal were called for, and an unanimous vote was found in favor of Doctor William Smith, of New

Voted, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to inform Doctor Smith of his election to the office of Principal of the Academy.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to answer Dr. Bowden's letter of resignation.

Voted, the thanks of this Convention to the President and Secretary.

Adjourned sine die.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

Abraham Bronson,

-[June 1-2, 1802]-

AT a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden at Huntington, on the 1st Wednesday of June, 1802:

PRESENT

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, D. D. ield, Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Rev. Dr. Mansfield, Alexander V. Griswold, " Smith, Philo Shelton, Daniel Burhans, Nathan B. Burgis, Ashbel Baldwin. Chauncey Prindle, Truman Marsh, Menzies Rayner, " Henry Whitlock, Deacon,

" Ambrose Todd, A procession was formed at 11 o'clock, A. M., from the house of the Rev.

Approcession was formed at 11 o clock, A. M., from the house of the Rev. Ambrose Todd, to the Episcopal Church.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Marsh; a discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Griswold; and Deacon Whitlock was admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

The Convention was opened by the Bishop, agreeably to the Constitution of this Church. Rev. Mr. Baldwin was appointed Secretary.

The following gentlemen produced their certificates, and took their scats

The following gentlemen produced their certificates, and took their scals as Lay Delegates, in the Convention:
Messrs. Stephen Miles, New Millord; Ephraim Kirby, Esq., Litchfield; Eli Curtis, Esq., Watertown; Maj. Garwood H. Cunningham, Woodbury; Stephen Morehouse, New Preston; Hezekiah Jarvis, Norwalk; Simeon II. Minor, Esq., Stamford; Amos Wheeler, Esq., Brookfield; Nathan Clark, Joseph Shelton, Huntington; Elijah Burritt, Stratfield; Andrew Hurd, Stratford; William Heron, Esq., Reading; Maj. Nathan Hubbell, Trumbull; William Weller, Esq., Hartford; Abijah Hull, Derby; Joseph B. Candy, Waterbury. Candy, Waterbury.

Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

The members met, agreeable to adjournment.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to return the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. Mr. Griswold, for his very excellent discourse delivered

The Rev. Mr. Shelton was appointed an assistant Secretary.

Resolved, That Ephraim Kirby, Esq., Major Cunningham, and the Rev.
Mr. Marsh, be appointed a committee to inquire into the present state of the

Mr. Marsh, be appointed a committee to inquire into the present state of the Episcopal Academy, and make report to this Convention.

Mr. Benajah Hawley having made a motion at a former Convention, for an alteration of the Liturgy of this Church, so far as it respects the office of Baptism; a consideration of which motion is, (at his request,) postponed until the meeting of Convention, in June, 1904.

Rev. Messrs. Shelton, Baldwin, Bronson, Todd, and Rayner, were appointed the standing committee for the present year.

On motion by Rev. Mr. Rayner, Resolved, That every Clergyman in this Discourse who shall reader to attend the annual Convention would not be

Diocese, who shall neglect to attend the annual Convention, shall seed to the Convention in writing, the reasons of his absence, and give an account of the state of the Church or Churches under his care.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin, and the Rev. Mr. Burnans. Eli Curtis, Simeon H. Minor, and William Weller, Esqrs., were appointed a committee to inquire into the state of the Bishop's salary, and make report to this Con-

Convention adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning

The members met, agreeably to adjournment. The Rev. Dr. Mansfield in the chair. Rev. Mr. Rayner read prayers.

Mr. Archibald Perkins produced his certificate, as Lay Delegate from the Church in Bethany, and took his seat in Convention.

Mr. Burritt had leave of absence during the remainder of the session. The committee appointed to require into the present state of the Episcopal Academy, made a report which was accepted. Whereupon the tonowing resolution was adopted

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Marsh, Ephraim Kirby, Esq., and Major



Cunningham, be a committee, and they are hereby appointed a committee, to investigate the state of the funds of the Academy in Cheshire, to inquire into, and report the state and condition of said Academy; also to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer, and other accounts of receipts and disbursements respecting said Academy; also, to report such measures as may appear to them promotive of the future good of said institution, and report to the present, or next annual Convention.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Bishop's fund,

made the following report, which was accepted by the Convention:

Whereas, the Honorable General Assembly, in the State of Connecticut, at their session in May, 1799, passed an act incorporating the Rev. Bela Hubbard, Jonathan Ingersoll, Elias Shipman, John Morgan, Samuel Wm. Johnson, William Heron, Evan Malbone, and Jonathan Starr, Esgrs., as trustees to receive and dispose of moneys that should come into their hands, by donation or otherwise, for the purpose of raising a fund for the support of a Bishop in this Diocese; and whereas, the aforesaid trustees have never, since their appointment, met together, or in any way acted in their capacity aforesaid; and whereas, some moneys have been given and subscribed for that purpose, since the passing of said act, and no proper officer being appointed by the said trustees to receive the same-it is therefore

Resolved, by this Convention, that the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Secretary of the Convention, be requested to procure a copy of the said act, and notify each of said trustees to meet at the house of Marcus Miles, in New Haven, on the 9th day of September next, to act on the premises; also, to request those of the trustees who do not accept of the trust, to signify the same within a reasonable time, to the said Secretary, who is requested to make report in the premises to the present, or the next annual Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the President and Secretary, for their attention and services.

Convention adjourned until the 19th day of October next, then to meet at Trinity Church, in the city of New Haven.

Signed, by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

ABRAHAM, Bishop, Connecticut, President.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

--[June 2, 1802]

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, & Deacons of the Diocese of Connecticutt holden at the house of the Reva. Ambrose Tood in Huntington on Wednesday the 2d. day of June 1802

Prefent

Bishop Jarvis Doctor Mansfield Doctor Smith Shelton Baldwin Prindle Brownson	Todd Marsh Griswold Reyner Burges Whitlock	_ Deacons ´ Brownson
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Mr Baldwin was chosen Secretary.-

The Bishop presented the following fentence of degradation which was agreed to by the Convocation, directed to be read publickly in the Churches of Stamford, Norwalk & Canaan, & orderd to be recorded by the Secretary-

Whereas Caleb Childs Deacon, hath been accused of holding Errors in Faith & of being guilty of immoralities & vices injurious to Christianity & disgraceful to the Character of a Clergyman.-And whereas a Committee hath been appointed to hear and consider the truth & merits of the Facts, exhibited in charge against him, whose fummons for that purpose he utterly disregarded, & treated the whole ecclesiastical Authority with publick and avowed contempt-And whereas the Committee aforesaid, after a fair and full examination, have reported, that the crimes and misdemeanors charged upon him, were clearly & fully proved. From all which it appears that he hath rendered himself unworthy of the office of a Deacon.—Therefore by these presents, be it known unto all whom it may concern, that the sd Caleb Childs, is degraded from the exercise of the office of a Deacon, & is hereby forbidden to execute the same in any Right Rev^d. Bishop Jarvis D.D.—instance whatever in future—Of which, all Churches in the Rev^d. Doctor Mansfield instance whatever in future-Of which, all Churches in the Diocese & all the Ministers thereof are called upon to take proper notice.—Done in Convocation at Huntington this 3d.

day of June 1802, & in the 5th, year of our Consecration Abraham Bishop Conect.-

Convocation adjourned sine die.

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

James Kilbourn,

-{October 19-20, 1802}-

AT a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden in Trinity Church, in the city of New Haven, on the 19th day of October, 1802, agreeable to adjournment:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, D. D., field, Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, Rev. Dr. Mansfield, " " Smith " Bela Hubbard, Daniel Burhans, Nathan B. Burgis,

Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin, " Henry Whitlock, Joseph Warren, Chauncey Prindle,
Ambrose Todd, Menzies Rayner, Abraham Bronson, Deacon,

Reuben Ives, Tillotson Bronson,

LAY DELEGATES.

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John Morgan, Esq., Hartford; Ephraim Kirby, Esq., Litchfield; Eli Curtis, Esq., Watertown; Hezekiah Holcomb, Esq., Granby; John I. Peters, Esq., Hebron; Col. Matthias Nichol, Stratford; Major Garwood H. Cunningham, Woodbury; Major Nathan Hubbell, Trumbull; Messrs. Thomas Green, New Haven; Abijah Hull, Derby; Joel Chaifield, Great Hill; Jared Scranton, North Guilford; Noah M. Bronson, Plymouth; Charles Jenks, East Windsor; Joseph Prindle, Canaan; Abraham Blakesley, North Haven; Archibald Perkins, Woodbridge; Uri Robbins, Wethersfield and Worthington; Thomas Atwater, Cheshire; Joseph B. Candy, Salem; Stephen Morehouse, New Preston.

Mr. Joseph Perry was admitted to the order of Deacon, and a sermon delivered by the Bishop. After morning service, the Bishop declared the

delivered by the Bishop. After morning service, the Bishop declared the Convention to be opened, agreeable to adjournment.

Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. The Convention met, agreeable to adjournment.

The committee appointed to examine into the funds of the Academy, made a report, which was accepted by the Convention, and Ephraim Kirby, Esq. was appointed Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts, in said Academy, as

recommended by said report.

Resolved, That the Secretary return the thanks of this Convention to the aforesaid committee for their zealous exertions in adjusting the accounts of

the Academy.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Todd, Col. Matthias Nicoll, and Mr. Noah

M. Bronson, be a committee to audit the accounts of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin with this Convention.

Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Members met, agreeable to adjournment.

Rev. Menzies Rayner read prayers

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin with the Convention, made a report, as on file, which report was accepted by the Convention.
Eli Curtis, Esq., handed in his resignation, as trustee to the Academy,

which was accepted by the Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary return the thanks of the Convention to Eli

Curtis, Esq., for his services as trustee to the Academy.

Resolved, That Doctor Smith be empowered by this Convention, to make application, in their behalf, for donations to the Academy, to such persons

as he may think proper.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to give the thanks of this house to the Bishop, for his sermon delivered before them, at the opening of the Convention

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention be given to the President and Secretary for their attention and services.

Convention adjourned, sine die.
Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,
ABRAHAM, Bishop, Connecticut, President.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

_____[June 1, 1803]

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, & Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticutt holden at the house of James Clark Esqr. in Danbury on the 1st. day of June

Bela Hubbard Philo Shelton

Ashbel Baldwin

Chauncey Prindle Ambrose Todd Truman Marsh Charles Seabury David Butler Daniel Burhans

Tillotson Brownson



Visiting Brethren Rev^d Joseph Warren

Rev^d Amos Pardee

Deacon Abraham Brownson.-

Rsolved that the Rev^d Mr. Hubbard, Rev^d Mr. Shelton & the Rev^d. Mr. Baldwin be a Committee to receive any information from Mr. Rogers, & the Lay Delegates accompanying him, which they may wish to communicate to the Convocation & report thereupon.-

Resolved that the Bishop of this Diocese be requested to require of the Rev^d Ammi Rogers that he produce Testimonials from the Bishop & standing Committee in the State of New York previous to his being admitted a member of this Convocation.-22

Convocation adjourn'd untill 8 OClock to morrow morning.—

Thursday Morning.-

On motion from Mr. Shelton-Resolved that the Secretary, transmit to the Parishes of Branford, Wallingford, & East-Haven the resolve of this Convocation, respecting the Reva. Ammi Rogers.-

Convocation adjourned Sine Die.-

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-[June 1-2, 1803]-

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, holden at Danbury, the 1st Wednesday of June, 1803

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, D. D., field, Rev. David Butler, bard, "Truman Marsh,

Rev. Dr. Mansfield, Bela Hubbard,

Ambrose Todd,

Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin. Chauncey Prindle,

Charles Seabury, " Daniel Burhans.

Tillotson Bronson, LAY DELEGATES.

LAY DELEGATES.

Messrs. Bela Blakesley, Plymouth; Benoni S. Sanford, New Milford; John Potter. Northford; James Clark, Esq., Danbury; Major John Webb, Canaan; Doctor Nathaniel Perry. Woodbury; Stephen Atwater, New Haven; John Welch, Esq., Litchfield; John Hard, Watertown; Josiah Dudley, Esq., Derby; William Peet, Bridgeport; John Sanford, Esq., and Zechariah Ferris, Newtown; Andrew Shelton, Ripton; Capt. Simeon Munger, Reading; John Jones, Ridgefield; Orange Wheaton, New Preston; Calvin Wheeler, Weston; Obed Lindsley, Branford; Samuel Sherman, Brookfield; Lyman Summers, Trumbull.

A procession was made by the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates, from the house of James Clark, Esq., to the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Mr. Seabury read morning prayers. The Rev. Mr. Burbans delivered a discourse; and Deacon Abraham Bronson was admitted to the Order of Priests. After divine service was ended, the Bishop opened the Convention, agree-

After divine service was ended, the Bishop opened the Convention, agreeable to the Constitution of the Church in this State.

The Lay Delegates handed in their certificates of appointment, which were approved of, and they took their seats accordingly.

Rev. Mr. Baldwin was elected Secretary. Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Members met agreeably to the adjournment. Leave of absence was granted to Doctor Mansfield, until the opening of

Leave of absence was granted to Doctor Manshets, than the opening of the Convention in the morning.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Shelton, Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given by the Secretary, to the Rev. Mr. Burhans, for his sermon delivered before the Convention, and request a copy for the press.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Rev. Mr. Bronson, Major John Webb, John Welch, and Josiah Dudley, Esqrs., be a committee to inquire into the state of the Bishop's salary, and make report to this Convention.

On motion by Mr. Baldwin, Resolved, That in future, no Lay Delegate shall be admitted to a seat in the annual Convention, until he shall deliver to the Secretary a certificate of his appointment, as also the grand levy of the the Secretary a certificate of his appointment, as also the grand levy of the Church, or Churches he is to represent, both of which shall be signed by the

On motion, by Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Resolved, That in case any dispute may arise between two or more parishes, in this Diocese, respecting their local limits, it shall be the duty of said parishes to submit such dispute to the de-

Rev. Bela Hubbard, Rev. Philo Shelton, and Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, were appointed the Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Burhans, James Clark, Esq., and Mr. John Potter, be a committee to digest some plan to defray the expenses of printing the Journals of Convention.

Leave of absence was granted to Lyman Summers, and Samuel Sherman, during the remainder of the session.

Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

The members attended agreeably to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Butler read prayers.

Leave of absence was granted the Rev. Mr. Burhans, during the remainder of the session.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the Bishop's salary, made the following report, which was accepted by the Convention.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the Bishop's salary, met at the house of Mr. Friend Starr; and after duly considering the subject,

beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to write to the several parishes in the Diocese, who have not complied with a resolution passed by the Convention holden at Newtown, the 3d day of June, 1801, which resolution recommended it to the several parishes in the Diocese, to raise a sum which should amount to one and a half mill on the dollar, on their grand levies, for the support of the Episcopate; and request said parishes to make as speedy compliance with said resolution as possible.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to write to the trustees of the Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to write the the theckes of the Bishop's fund, and request that they would publish, in one or more newspapers in this State, that they are duly organized, and ready to receive all donations that the friends of the Church may be disposed to give. And also that they be requested to make a report to the next annual Convention, of

the actual state of said fund. All which is submitted to the consideration of the Convention.

By order of the Committee

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Marsh was appointed a trustee of the Academy, in the room of the Rev. Calvin White, moved out of the State.

Col. Joseph Drake, of New Haven, was appointed a trustee of the Academy, in the room of Eli Curtis, Esq., resigned.

Rev. Doctor Mansfield resigned his seat as a trustee in the Academy, and the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold appointed.

On particular of Mr. Branco Residual, That Box, Mr. Todd, Large Clark.

On motion of Mr. Bronson, Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Todd, James Clark, and Josiah Dudley, Esqrs., be a committee to consult and advise with the trustees of the Academy, respecting the salary of the Principal and Assist-

ant of the Academy, respecting the satary of the Frincipal and Assistant of the Academy.

On motion of Mr. Todd, Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Butler be requested to procure the printing of the Journals of the present and preceding Conventions, together with the Constitution of the Church in this State.

The committee appointed to digest some plan to defray the expense of printing the Journals of the Convention, recommended a collection in the

Convention for that purpose, which was attended to immediately.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the President and Secretary, for their attention and services.

Convention adjourned, sine die.
Signed, by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,
ABRAHAM, Bishop, Connecticut, President.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

-{October 5, 1803}-

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Deacons of the Episcopal Church of Connecticutt holden at the house of M^r Steele in Chewstown, Derby on the 5th. day of October 1803

Present.-

Right Rev^d Bishop Jarvis Rev^d Reuben Ives Rev^d Doctor Mansfield Rev^d Ambrose Todd Rev^d Bela Hubbard Rev^d. David Butler Rev^d Doctor Smith Rev^d Solomon Blakesley Rev^d Philo Shelton Rev^d. Daniel Burhans Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d. Henry Whitlock Rev^d Chauncey Prindle Rev^d Alexander V Griswold Rev^d Tillitson Brownson

Divine Service was attended in the Church

Mr Whitlock read prayers—Mr Butler delivered a Sermon— After fervice the members of the Convocation convened at the house of Mr Steele .-

On Motion, Voted that the Bishop be requested to return thanks to Mr Butler for his Sermon delivered before the Convocation.-

Voted that Mr Samuel Griswold be recommended to the Bishop for holy Orders.-

Voted that the Testimonials presented by Joshua Dudley



Esqre. in behalf of the Revd. Ammi Rogers, are not (in the opinion of this Convocation), agreeable to the requirements, made in their resolve passed at Danbury.

Voted the thanks of this Convocation to President, & Secretary for their attendance & Services.

Convocation Adjourned Sine, Die,

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary.—

-[June 6, 1804]---

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Deacons of the Episcopal Church, in Convocation at the house of the Rev^d Truman Marsh in Litchfield on the 6th. day of June 1804-

Present

Right Rev^d Bishop Jarvis D D

Rev^d. Bela Hubbard Menzies Rayner John Tyler Daniel Burhans William Smith D D Henry Whitlock Philo Shelton Nathan B Burgis Ashbel Baldwin Deacon Clemment Meriam Chauncev Prindle Reuben Ives Tillotson Brownson Visiting Brethren Charles Seabury Rev^d Amos Pardee David Butler Dean Samuel Griswold Truman Marsh

Convocation adjourned untill 7 OClock to morrow morn-

Thursday 7 OClock A. M. Convocation opened agreeable to adjournment.

Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin chosen Secretary.—

On motion

Voted that Mess Baldwin, Burhans Rayner, Smith, & Ives be a committee to digest some plan for the future publication of the Churchman's Magazine, & report to this Convocation.—28

Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock P M .-

Thursday 8 o'clock P. M .--

Convocation opened agreeable to adjournt.

The Committee appointed to digest a plan for publishing the Magazine, reported, that in their opinion, it would be advisable for the Convocation to appoint a permanent Committee, to meet as often as it shall be necessary at Cheshire & New Haven, to superintend the publishing the Churchman's Ma[ga]zine, which Committee shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation for their services, when the profits arising from the publication will admit of it.—The above report was accepted by the Convocation & Mess Smith Ives, Baldwin, Meriam, Shelton, Brownson Burhans & Rayner were appointed the Committee-

On Motion, Resolved unanimously, that the Bishop, be requested to degrade Deacon Bradley from the office of Deacon.-

On Motion, Resolved unanimously, that the Bishop be requested to suspend the Revd Ammi Rogers from the use of the Churches in this Diocese.-

Convocation voted thanks to the President & Secretary for their attendance & fervices

Convocation Adjourned fine die.

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary.

-[June 6-7, 1804]

AT a meeting of the Bishops, Presbyters, and Lay Delegates of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, held at Litchfield, on the first Wednesday of June, 1804: PRESENT.

The Right Rev. Bishop Larvis D. D.		
bela nubbard.	Rev.	Truman Marsh,
John Tyler.		David Butler.
William Smith, D. D.		Charles Seabury,
Philo Shelton.	66	Daniel Burhans,
Ashbel Baldwin	. 6	Mannia Damans,
Channey Prindle	6.6	Menzies Rayner,
Reuben Ives	4.6	Henry Whitlock,
Tillotson Bronsen		Nathan B. Burgis,
THOUSON DIOUSON,	••	Clement Merriam, Deacon.
	The Right Rev. Bi Bela Hubbard, John Tyler, William Smith, D. D., Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin, Chauncey Prindle, Reuben Ives, Tillotson Bronson,	John Tyler, William Smith, D. D., Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin, Chauncey Prindle, Reuben Ives,

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. Birdsey Peters, Stratford; Capt. Nathaniel Webb, Stamford; Messrs. David Badger, Cheshire; Capt. James Clark, Danbury; Jared Lane, New Milford; Andrew Hillyer, Esq., Granby; Joshua Burt, Ridgefield; Ephraim Hinman, Roxbury; Amos Wheeler, Esq., Brookfield; Samuel W. Southmayd, Esq., Watertown; Ozias Burr, Stratfield; Seth Strong, Danbard, Cada Managh, Esq., Watertown; Ozias Burr, Stratfield; Seth Strong, Durham; Zadoc Mann, Plymouth; Capt. Samuel M'Neil, Litchfield.

A procession was formed by the members of the Convention, and moved to St. Michael's Church, where morning service was read by the Rev. Mr. Shelton, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Seabury. The Convention was opened in form by the Bishop. The Lay Deputies presented their credentials, which were examined and approved. Rev. Mr. Baldwin was chosen Secretary

The Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M., then to meet at the

State House.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M., Convention met agreeable to adjournment. On motion from Rev. Mr. Hubbard,

Voted, the thanks of Convention to the Rev. Mr. Seabury for his well adapted sermon delivered before them this day.

Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton, and Burhans, were appointed the stand-

ing committee for the year ensuing.

Rev. Mr. Burhans was appointed a trustee to the Academy, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Griswold, who has moved out of the State.

On motion by Mr. Badger,

Voted, That this Convention recommend it to the several Parishes in this Diocese, to present to the next annual Convention a statement of the funds, whether landed or personal, of their respective Churches, that the same may be entered upon the journals of the Convention.
On motion of Mr. Baldwin,
Voted, That the board of trustees of the Episcopal Academy be requested

to call upon the managers of the Lottery granted in favor of said Academy, and request them to exhibit without delay an account of the avails of said Lottery, and to pay over to the Treasurer of said Academy the several sums of money arising from the same.

The Office of Induction, as agreed upon by the Bishop and Clergy in Convocation, was adopted by this Convention.

Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton, and Rev. Dr. Smith, were appointed a committee to prepare and forward an address from this Convention to the several Parishes, in behalf of the Bishop's fund.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lane, Mr. Strong, Mr. Hard, and Amos Wheeler, Esq., during the remainder of the session

Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Convention opened agreeable to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Baldwin read prayers.

Leave of absence was granted Rev. Mr. Tyler and Capt. Nathaniel Webb, during the remainder of the session.

Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton, Bronson, and Burhans, Messrs. Nathan Smith, James Clark, Andrew Hillyer, and Isaac Hinman, were chosen Delegates to attend the General Convention.

On motion from Rev. Mr. Shelton, Resolved, That no Clergyman who shall hereafter be settled in this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat in the State Convention, until he produce to the Secretary thereof a certificate, signed by the Bishop, that he has been regularly inducted into some parish, agreeable to the Office of Induction, as adopted by this Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to write to the several Parishes in this Diocese, and request them to have a collection in their respective Churches in the month of July, to defray the expenses of the Bishop and Delegates to the General Convention, and to transmit the moneys collected to the Rev. Mr. Shelton, or the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, by the 21st of August

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Hubbard and the Rev. Mr. Shelton be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to liquidate and adjust the accounts of those persons who have, or hereafter may have claims for attending the General Convention, and to pay to them the balance out of the moneys they may receive from the collection to be made in the several Churches for that purpose.

Resolved. That the members of this Convention be requested to use their Resolved, That the members of this Convenion be requested to use their best endeavors to procure all possible information concerning the origin, progress, and present state of the individual congregations in this Diocese, together with sketches of the lives of the first Clergymen, and also of Lay Brethren, who have been eminent promoters of the interest of the Church, and that all such information be transmitted to the editors of the Churchman's Magazine for publication.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the board of trustees of the Episcopal Academy, that they apply to the General Assembly at their next session, for a Charter empowering them to give degrees in the Arts, Divinity, and Law, and to enjoy all other privileges usually granted to



Colleges.

Voted, the thanks of Convention to the President and Secretary, for their attendance and services

Convention adjourned, sine die.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

Revd. Daniel Burhans

Rev^d. Menzies Rayner

-[October 3, 1804]-

At a meeting of the Bishop & Presbyters of the Protestant Epis. Church of Connecticut in Convocation at the house of the Revd. Doctor William Smith in Cheshire on the 3d. day of October 1804

Right Rev^d Bishop Jarvis

Rev^d. Bela Hubbard D. D. Present Rev^d. William Smith D. D. Rev^d. Philo Shelton Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d. Reuben Ives Rev^d. Chauncy Prindle Visiting Brethre[n] Rev^d, Bethuel Chittenden Rev^d. Tillotson Brownson Rev^d, Ambrose Todd

Rev^d. Calvin White.

Revd A Baldwin was chosen Secretary.-

A procession was formed by the Clergy & the Students of the Academy, & moved from the Academy to the Episcopal Church, where Divine Service was attended.-Rev^d Mr. Rayner read Prayers, & the Revd. Mr Burhans delivered a Sermon before the Convocation.-

Met at the house of Doctor Smith and adjourned untill 6 OClock P. M .-

6 OClock P. M .-

Met agreeable to adjournment.-

Mess Baldwin, Ives, Brownson, Burhans, Shelton, Rayner, & Burgis, were appointed as Committee to negotiate with a Printer to publish the Churchman's Magazine the ensuing Year & also to contract with an Editor for the same, & it is to be understood that any five of the above named Persons may form a quorum for transacting the business.

Bishop Jarvis presented a sentence of degradation against the Rev^d Ammi Rogers which was unanimously approved of, and ordered the same to be published in usual Form.—24

Voted the thanks of Convocation to the President & Secretary for their attendance & fervices.-

Convocation adjourned fine die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

By the Bishop of Connecticutt

The Rev^d. Ammi Rogers, now residing in the Diocese hath for a long time conducted himself in such a way as is contrary to the rules of the Church, & disgraceful to his Office, therefore, by the advice, & at the desire of the Clergy of Connecticut, We the Bishop, do by these presents forbid, & direct the Clergy of this Diocese to forbid the sa. Rogers in future to officiate in their Churches & within their Parishes, & in all vacant Parishes the Wardens are desired to do the same, an[d] the Congregations are exhorted not to give countenance to a Man whose disorderly & refractory conduct is subversive of the harmony & peace of the Church.-

New Haven, June 11th. 1804 Abraham, Bishop of Conct.

A true Coppy of the Bishops Circular

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary of Convocation

--[June 4, 1805}--

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Deacon of the Episcopal Church in Connecticutt in Convocation, holden at the house of the Revd. Clemment Merriam in the city of Middletown on the 4th, day of June 1805-

Right Rev^d Bishop Jarvis D. D. Rev^d Doctor Bela Hubbard Rev^d Doctor William Smith Rev^d, Philo Shelton Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d C[h]auncey Prindle Rev^d Tillotson Brownson Rev^d Reuben Ives Deacons Rev^d Truman Marsh Clement Merriam Rev^d, Charles Seabury Asa Cornwall Rev^d. Nathan B Burgis Samuel Griswold Rev^d Henry Whitlock Rev^d Menzies Rayner Rev^d Ambrose Todd

Revd Nathan B. Burgis

Rev^d. Daniel Burhans Rev^d Smith Miles

Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock to morrow morning-Met agreeable to adjournment.

> Mess Deacon Clement Merriam Deacon Samuel Griswold Deacon Hilliar

were recommended to the Bishop for the order of Priests.-

Duncan Mess Barber Wheeler Searl Buckley

were recommended to the Bishop for the order of Deacons.-Voted Thanks to the President & Secretary for their Attend-

ance & Services .-Convocation adjourned Sine. die. Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-[June 5-6, 1805]-

AT a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, Deacons, and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut, held in St. Peter's Church, in the city of Middletown, on the 5th day of June, 1805:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, D. D., Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard, Rev. Daniel Burhans, William Smith, Charles Seabury. Menzies Rayner, Philo Shelton, Henry Whitlock, Smith Miles, Ashbel Baldwin, Chauncey Prindle, Tillotson Bronson, Nathan B. Burgis, Clement Merriam, Deacon, Reuben Ives, Truman Marsh. Asa Cornwall Ambrose Todd, Samuel Griswold,

LAY DELEGATES.

Messrs. Hezekiah Jarvis, Norwalk; Benjamin Benham, Waterbury; Messrs. Hezekiah Jarvis, Norwaki, Benjamin Bennani, waterbuty, John Scaruth, Durham; John Jones, Ridgefield; Andrew Elliott, Guilford; Jared Scranton, North Guilford; Ebenezer Nash, East Windsor; John Goodrich, Wethersfield and Worthington; Abijah Curtiss, Newtown; Stephen Jarvis, Cheshire; Elisha Beardsley, Huntington; Obed Lindsley, Branford; Nathaniel Webb, Stamford; Leaming Bradley, Litchfield;

Isaac Kirtland, Wallingford; Isaac Atwater, and Zadoc Mann, Plymouth;

Isaac Kirtland, Wallinglord; Isaac Alwater, and Zadoc Mani, Flymouth; Samuel W. Southmayd, Esq., and Col. Aner Bradley, Watertown; Andrew Hillyer, Esq., Granby; John T. Peters, Esq., Hebron.

A procession was formed from the house of the Rev. Clement Merrian to the Episcopal Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Whitlock, and a discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Rayner. After divine service was closed, the Bishop declared the Convention opened, agreeable to the Constitution of this Church.



The Rev. Mr. Baldwin was elected Secretary.

The Lay Delegates presented their certificates of appointment, which were read and approved of. A vote was passed to receive Andrew Hillyer, Esq., as a Delegate from Granby, upon his informing the Convention that he had lost his certificate of appointment. Mr. Abijah Curtiss was admitted to a seat, without a certificate of the grand levy of the Church he was to represent, upon the assurance of the Rev. Mr. Burhans, that the grand levy of said Church was 35,000 dollars. Mr. Nathaniel Webb was admitted to a seat in the Convention, without a certificate of the grand levy of the Church in Stamford, on account of the peculiar situation of said Church. Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met agreeable to the adjournment.

On motion, Voted, That the general rule respecting admission of Lay Delegates, be dispensed with in favor of Col. Aner Bradley, and that he be admitted as a Delegate from Watertown, with Samuel W. Southmayd, Esq.

Doctor Smith was requested to prepare a form of a certificate for the admission of Lay Delegates into the Convention.

On motion, Voted, the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. Mr. Rayner for his sermon delivered before the Convention this day; and that Doctor Smith, Samuel W. Southmayd and Andrew Hillyer, Esqrs., be a committee to request a copy of the same for the press.

Rev. Messrs. Ashbel Baldwin, Doctor Bela Hubbard, Doctor William Smith, Reuben Ives, and Philo Shelton, were appointed the standing com-

mittee for the year ensuing.

John T. Peters, Esq., appeared as a Lay Delegate from the Episcopal Church in Hebron, produced the certificate of his appointment, and was

admitted to a seat.

Rev. Mr. Rayner, Samuel W. Southmayd, and John T. Peters, Esqrs., were appointed a committee to make inquiry of the trustees of the Episcopal Academy, respecting the state of said Academy, and report to this Con-

Isaac Beers, Esq., of New Haven, was appointed a trustee of the Episcopal Academy, in the room of Mr. Thomas Atwater, deceased.

Voted, That the following form of a certificate for the admission of Lay Delegates to the Convention of the Episcopal Church in this State be recommended to the several Churches in this Diocese.

June At a regular meeting of the Wardens, Vestry, and Congregation of Church, in A. B. was appointed a Lay Delon the to attend the State Convention at A. B., Clerk of the Church. (Signed,)

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Scranton during the remainder of the session.

Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Thursday, 7 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. Mr. Burhans read morning prayers.
The Bishop withdrew from the Convention. The Rev. Mr. Baldwin being the oldest Presbyter present, took the chair agreeable to the Constitution.

Rev. Truman Marsh was appointed Secretary of the Convention, pro tem.

Rev. Truman Marsh was appointed Secretary of the Convention, pro tem. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to carry into effect the address for the Bishop's Fund, and make a report at the next Convention.

Rev. Messrs. A. Baldwin, T. Marsh, T. Bronson, H. Whitlock, D. Burhans, and Samuel W. Southmayd, Esq., were appointed the committee to carry into execution the preceding resolves.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. John Jones during the remainder of the secret.

the session.

Convention adjourned to attend the Bishop at an Ordination, and to meet

again immediately after divine service is performed. Two o'clock, P. M., Convention met according to adjournment.

The Bishop in the chair.

The following report of the committee respecting the Academy, was laid before the Convention, read and accepted.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, now sitting at Middletown:

The Committee appointed to make inquiry of the trustees of the Episcopal Academy respecting the state of said Academy, and to report to this Convention respectfully report.

Convention, respectfully report—
That they have had the subject of their appointment under consideration, but from the shortness of time and the variety of facts to be examined, they are unable to make a report in detail. Nevertheless they beg leave to remark, that it appears to the committee that the state of the Academy is such mark, that it appears to the committee that the state of the institution, and the as to require the particular attention of the friends of the institution, and the

immediate interposition of this Convention.

That the condition of the Academy is not flourishing—the number of students gradually diminishing—the building going to decay, and the institution itself sinking in reputation! But whether these unfavorable appearances arise from any deficiency in the organization of the Academy—neglect, or mismanagement of those entrusted therewith, or the place of its establishment—the committee presume not to decide. They cannot, however, forbear to express their belief, that the present condition of the Academy results in some measure from its location, in the vicinity of a flourishing University, and in a town where it receives very little patronage or encour-

agement.

The committee, therefore, beg leave to recommend to the Convention to appoint a committee to repair to the Academy, ascertain its present condiappoint a committee to repair to the funds, and such other facts relating tion, the causes thereof, the state of the funds, and such other facts relating to the institution as may appear to them interesting, and to report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the next meeting of this Convention.

Which is respectfully submitted.

MENZIES RAYNER, JOHN T. PETERS.

Middletown, June 6th, 1805.

Rev. Mr. Shelton, Rev. Mr. Rayner, and Asa Chapman, Esq., were appointed a committee in pursuance of the recommendation in the foregoing

report.

Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the President and Secretary, for their attendance and services.

Convention adjourned, sine die,

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

-{October 14-16, 1805}-

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticutt, in Convocation, holden at the house of the Widow Sarah Munday, in Stamford on Tuesday the 14th, day of October 1805.-

Present

Right Rev^d. Bishop Jarvis. D.D.

Rev^d. Bela Hubbard. D.D. Rev^d. Philo Shelton Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d. Chauncy Prindle Rev^d Tillotson Brownson Rev^d. Ambrose Todd Rev^d. Daniel Burhans

Rev^d John H Hobart New York. Rev^d. Evan Rogers Rye.-

Visiting Brethren

Rev^d. Calvin White Rev^d. Henry Whitlock Deacon Rufsell Wheeler Bucklév.

Rev^d M^r Baldwin was elected Secretary.

Resolved that the Revd. John H Hobart from New York, & the Rev. Evan Rogers from Rye be requested to take their seats in the Convocation as visiting Brethren.-

Resolved that Notification be given to Mess Cary Leeds, Alexander Bishop, David Marsh, David Waterbury, Isaac Hawley, & others in Stamford, who are dislatisfied with the ecclesiastical proceedings of this Diocese, in regard to Mr Ammi Rogers, that the Convocation are now in fession, & that if they are desirous of having any interview with the Convocation, they will have an opportunity of being heard at 10 OClock A. M. to morrow at the place where the Convocation is now in Session, or such other place as shall be agree'd upon .-

Resolved that Notification be given to Mr Cary Leeds, that the Convocation are willing to enter into a conference with him, on the subject of the ecclesiastical proceeding of this Diocese, in regard to Mr Am[m]i Rogers at 10 OClock, A. M. to morrow at the place of the present fession, or any other place that may be agreed upon .-

Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock A. M. to morrow.-

Wednesday 8 OClock A. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to adjournment.-

Upon a Communication received from Mr. Cary Leeds .-Mess Rev⁴ Ambrose Todd & Daniel Burhans were appointed a Committee, to inform Mr. Cary Leeds that the Convocation are now ready to enter into a conference with him, respecting the ecclesiastical proceedings of this State, in regard to Mr Ammi

By request from the Convocation the Bishop transmitted to Mr Cary Leeds & others the following requisition (viz)—

Meis Cary Leeds, Isaac Holly, Alexander Bishop &c.

Gentlemen-"As I am informed that you have the Key "of St John's Church in your keeping, & on the present occa-"sion, having need of the use of the Church, for the convenience



"of the Convocation now assembled in this Town, it is requested "that you send the key of sd. Church to the Bishop for the above "purpose.—Your compliance in this particular will be in strict "conformity to ecclesiastical duty.—

Abraham.—Bishop—Connecticutt.

Stamford October 16th. 1805.

The Committee appointed to have a conference with M^r Cary Leeds & others, made the following report—(viz) That they had attended to the subject of their appointment, & that M^r Leeds informed them that he could have no personal conference with the Convocation:—

The following Communication was made by the Bishop, to Mr. Ammi Rogers by the request of the Convocation.—

Stamford Octr. 16th. 1805.

Sir-

I have this morning requested Mess Cary Leeds, Isaac Hawley, & Alexander Bishop to deliver me the Key's of St John's Church in Stamford for the purpose of holding a Convocation in s^d. Church—to which I have received for answer, that the s^d. keys are exclusively subject to your controul—As Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, I now direct you to deliver me the Keys of said Church.

Abraham—Bishop—Connecticut.

Resolved—That Mr. Cary Leeds be informed that they have just received a communication from him; & acquaint him that they have an important communication to make him upon the subject of his last letter, which they will be ready to give him at 7 OClock this Evening.—

Convocation adjourned untill 6 OClock P. M.

6 OClock P. M.

Convocation Met agreeable to adjournment.

Mess Rev^d. Philo Shelton, Rev^d. Daniel Burhans & Rev^d. Tillotson Brownson were appointed a Committee to draft an answer to the last communication from Cary Leeds to this Convocation.—

The Committee appointed to draft an answer to the last communication from Cary Leeds—made the following report, which was unanimously approved of, ordered to be engrossed upon the journals of the Convocation, & a coppy thereof to be immediately sent to Mr. Cary Leeds, which was accordingly done

To Carey Leeds, Alexander Bishop & others who are disfatisfied with the ecclesiastical proceedings of the Bishop & Clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut in regard to M^{*}. Ammi Rogers.—

The Bishop & Clergy of the diocese of Connecticut sincerely desirous, to promote the peace & preserve the authority of the church have met at Stamford in the hope that by a friendly conference with you, it would be in their power to satisfy you of the propriety and duty of submitting to the sentence pronounced upon Mr Ammi Rogers.—They regret that your refusal to engage in a personal conference has prevented that full, & fair discussion of the subject, which in every point of view was so desirable.-By persons who profess themselves Churchmen, in principles & in practice; they still cherish the hope that the following statement of facts from the authority of the church will be duly regarded.—It appears from page 17 of the journals of the house of Bishops a copy of which we herewith transmit to you; that on Friday Sept. 14 1804—"a memorial was laid on the table from the Rev Ammi Rogers, accompanied with sundry document, and a letter requesting that a day may be appointed for the consideration of the points therein stated"-And it further

appears that the following Monday was assigned for the purpose, & notice thereof given to Mr Rogers.—From page 19, it appears, that the house of Bishops resolved to go into an investigation of the matters which Mr. Rogers had bro't before them, in presence of such members of the house of Clerical & Lay Deputies as should possels any information on the subject.-From page 20 it appears that the Clerical members from the state of Connecticut were admitted to a hearing on the subject of Mr. Rogers in his presence, documents on both sides were read, and a hearing was given to the parties concerned-From page 21 & 22 it appears that in consequence of an application from Mr Rogers made in the absence of the clergy from Connecticutt; the house of Bishops resolved that nothing should be done in the business except in the presence of both parties, & that on a further application of a Clerical Member from Connecticut, both parties were introduced on the following day, & a further hearing was given.—From page 23 it appears that at 7 OClock of the same day the house of Bishops met, & that the Right Rev^d Bishop White, the Right Rev^d Bishop More, & the Right Rev^d Bishop Parker were present, & that the Bishops came to a determination of which the following is an extract-"After a full inquiry &c.—to —— degradation from the minis-

By recurring to the Journals, you will find that the above is an impartial statement of facts, & that the following particulars undeniably result from it—Mr. Ammi Rogers brought this businefs himself before the house of Bishops, & in the words of his memorial declared that—"he has never shunned investigation, but on the contrary has always requested it, and now prays that a candid & impartial enquiry may be made as to his conduct and character"-It appears that Mr. Rogers presented to the house his documents; and that a full hearing of the case, was at different times made in the presence of both parties; that Mr Rogers confirmed the wish that he expressed for an enquiry by always attending for the purpose. And it was not untill the close of the enquiry, & untill he had reason to fear the unfavorable result to himself, that he expressed to the Bishops that he did not wish them to Come to any decision.-Now as persons deeply interested for the peace of the church, & your spiritual welfare, we intreat your conscientious attention to the following considerations.—Can you suppose, that if Mr Rogers did not wish for an enquiry into his conduct by the house of Bishops; he would have permitted them to engage in it. without entering his solemn protest against it? Can you suppose that the Right Revd. Bishop White whose impartiality and mildness are so universally acknowledged, That Bishop More, who had been represented by Mr. Rogers, as friendly to him-that Bishop Parker, who had just made his solemn vows at the Altar, would have forced Mr. Rogers to an enquiry if he had not solicited it; would declare that they had made a full enquiry, and fair examination of the subject, if such enquiry & examination had not been made?—Can you suppose that these Bishops of the church, would have violated every obligation of truth & justice as well as the most solemn vows of office, by condemning an innocent man?-Could Mr. Rogers have had a trial before a more impartial tribunal?-Or can you suppose that after the house of Bishops, had made a full enquiry, & pronounced their opinion, any thing else was left to the Bishop of Connecticut than to carry their decision into effect? Mr Rogers made an appeal to the house of Bishops-They tho't proper to investigate his conduct & to pronounce a decision.-The cannons of the church of Connecticut in regard to the trial of Clergymen could here have no operation.—The Bishop of Connecticut was the agent to carry the decision of the house of Bishops into effect-Mr Rogers has been solemnly degraded from the minis-



try after a full investigation of his conduct, & a discussion in regard to him by the highest authority of the Church-We entreat you as friends to the peace of society & the order & harmony of the church; we entreat you by your character as Church[men]—by the memory of your forefather who cherished the church with inviolable fidelity—we entreat you by the prospect of that awful tribunal at which all mankind must be judged, to regard the divine injunction-"Hear the church"-In the language of the Apostle we exhort you, Brethren, "Put from you that unworthy person"-Remember the injunction of our Lord-"If any man refuse to hear the church, let him be unto you as a heathan man & a publican"-In the spirit of meekness & affection we entreat you "Rend not that divine body the church which your Redeemer purchased with his blood-For ourselves we most solemnly declare, that mindful of the comission given to us by our divine Master, & relying on his promise, that He will be with His church alway, even to the end of the world, we shall esteem it our sacred duty to preserve inviolate the authority committed to us,-And we trust that what is there "done" by the lawful Governors of the church "on Earth will be ratified in Heaven"-

Tillotson Brownson Chairman of Commi.

Rev^d Tillotson Brownson, Doctor Bela Hubbard & Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin were appointed a Committee with full power to confer with Oliver Steele & Co printers of the Churchmans Magazine on the subject of a future publication of sd. Maga-

Mess Rev^d A Baldwin, Rev^d P Shelton, Rev^d A Todd, & Rev^d D Burhans were appointed a Committee to publish such part or parts of the Journals of the present Convocation as they shall

Mess Revd A Baldwin, Revd P Shelton, Revd A Todd & Revd D Burhans were appointed a Committee to publish a history of the ecclesiastical proceedings, in regard to Mr Ammi Rogers.-

Convocation adjourned untill 9 OClock A. M. to morrow.-

Thursday Morning 9 OClock A. M .-

Convocation meet agreeable to adjournment.-

Resolved-That Mr Carey Leeds be informed that the Convocation have received his communication of October 16th. accompanied with a certain vote of a meeting held at St John's Church in Stamford on the 27th, day of May 1805 attested by Isaac Holly Jnr. by which they have declared that they are not under the direction nor ameniable to the Authority of any Bishop.—This Convocation have therefore no further communications to make to Mr Leeds on this subject .-

Resolved. That this Convocation have a grateful sense of the attention of their Brethren in the Diocese of the State of New York, by requesting several Presbyters of their body, to make a Visit to this Convocation, with a view to promote a friendly intercourse, & that this Convocation will most cheerfully unite with them in promoting that desirable Object.-

Resolved-That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Convocation to give information to the Bishop of the state of New York of the time & place of their meetings .-

Rev^d M^r A Baldwin, Rev Doctor Hubbard & Rev^d. P Shelton were requested to attend the next Convocation in the State of New York .-

Voted the thanks of Convocation to the President & Secretary for their attendance & fervices .-

Convocation Adjourned without day.

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-[June 3, 1806]-

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticutt holden at the house of the Rev^d. Reuben Ives in Cheshire on the 3^d. day of Tune 1806.—

> Present-Right Revd. Bishop Jarvis D D. Rev^d. Bela Hubbard D D Rev^d. William Smith D D Rev^d. John Tyler Rev^d. Philo Shelton Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d. Chauncey Prindle Rev^d. Tillotson Brownson Rev^d. Reuben Ives Rev^d. Charles Seabury Rev^d. Solomon Blakeley

Deacons Rufsel Wheeler Revd. Truman Marsh Rev^d. Menzies Rayner Roger Searl Virgil. H Barber. Revd. Clement Merriam Rev^d. Charles White

Rev^d. Henry Whitlock

Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin was chosen Secretary.-

On motion by Mr. Baldwin-Resolved, that in future no person shall be considered as a Candidate in this Diocese, untill he has been examined by the Bishop, or such of his Presbyters as he may appoint and that previous to any such examination being had the person offering himself to become a Candidate, shall have studied with the Bishop, the Principal of the Academy or some other Presbyter in the Diocese at least one year, if he has received the honors of some College, or incorporate Academy, or the term of two Years if he has not received such

Convocation adjourned untill 6 OClock A. M. to morrow.-

Thursday Morning 6 OClock

Convocation meet agreeable to adjournment.--

But as there appeared to be no business, to be laid before them, it was adjourned without day.-

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

--[June 4-5, 1806]-

AT a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Lay Delegates, in Convention held at Cheshire, on Wednesday, the 4th day of June, 1806:

PRESENT.

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, D. D. Hubbard, | Rev. Charles Seabury, Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard,

" William Smith, " John Tyler,
" Philo Shelton,

Ashbel Baldwin Chauncey Prindle, Reuben Ives,

" Tillotson Bronson,

Solomon Blakesley, " Truman Marsh,
" Calvin White,
" Henry Whitlock,

Menzies Rayner, Clement Merriam,

A procession was formed from the house of the Rev. Reuben Ives to the Church, where morning prayers were read by the Rev. Daniel Burhans, and a discourse was delivered by the Rev. John Tyler. After divine service was ended, the Bishop declared the Convention to be opened agreeably to the Constitution.

The Lay Delegates handed into the Convention the certificates of their

appointment.
Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention opened agreeably to adjournment.

The certificates of the Lay Delegates were examined and the following gentlemen were declared to be duly elected to represent their respective parishes in the Convention:

Grand Levy. Grand Col. J. Drake, New Haven, \$21,500 Nathaniel Johnson, Northford, H. Jarvis, Norwalk, A. Blakesley, North Haven, 15,264 Andrew Beers, Esq., Danbury, Burrage Beach, Esq., Cheshire,



Gen. T. Skinner, Litchfield, 26,075 | Capt. I. Shephard, Wallingford, 6,731 36,760 M. Cleveland, Guilford, 6,559 N. M. Bronson, Plymouth, Abijah Curtis, Newtown, 6,337 G. E. Robinson, Durham, 6,765 4,591 S. Bassett, Oxford, Daniel Peck, Trumbull, Macock Ward, Roxbury, 6,765 Benham, J. Nicholl, Waterbury, Larmon Townsend, Salem, 9,600 Ellsworth, Windsor, Farnam, Hartland. Samuel Pardee, Southington, N. Wheeler, Chewstown.

Rev. Ashbel Baldwin was elected Secretary.

Rev. Daniel Burhans, Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Mr. Abijah Curtiss, Mr. John Nicoll, and Mr. Isaac Shephard, were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of the Delegates from Chewstown and Hartland, and re-

Mr. Noah M. Bronson was elected a trustee of the Academy, in the room

of Mr. Isaac Beers, who declined accepting the appointment.
Gen. Timothy Skinner, Rev. John Tyler, Rev. Philo Shelton, Mr. John Nicoll, and Rev. Menzies Rayner, were a committee appointed to inquire into the present state of the Episcopal Academy, and report to this Convention.

Rev. Messrs. Bela Hubbard, Ashbel Baldwin, Philo Shelton, Tillotson Bronson, and Reuben Ives, were appointed the Standing Committee.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Rayner. Convention opened agreeably to the adjournment.

Resolved, That Bishop Jarvis be requested to return the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. John Tyler, for his sermon delivered before them at the opening of the session.

The committee appointed to examine the certificates of Mr. Farnam and Mr. Wheeler, reported in favor of receiving them, which report was accepted by the Convention, and they took their seats accordingly

Col. Rufus Hitchcock was elected a trustee of the Episcopal Academy, in the room of Mr. Moses Morse, resigned.

In the room of Mr. Moses Morse, resigned.

Rev. Truman Marsh was requested to receive the Bishop's salary, and report to this, or the next annual Convention.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, Resolved, That in future, no Church in this Diocese shall be permitted to have a Lay representation in any Convention of this Church, who shall employ any person (to officiate among them) who has been suspended, or degraded from his clerical office.

Per William Smith headed in the following section which

Rev. William Smith handed in the following resignation, which was ac-

cepted by the Convention:

"To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut, in

session this 5th day of June, A. D., 1806:
"Whereas, missives have passed between the board of trustees and me, whereby certain articles have been interchangeably acceded to by both parties, I hereby request this Convention to accept of my resignation of the office of Principal of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, and upon their acceptance of the same, I shall consider myself as detached from all connection with the said Academy, either as to its internal or external regimen, or the emoluments thereof, from and after the first day of October next.
WILLIAM SMITH, Pr. Ep. Ac. Con."

Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the President and Secretary, for their attendance and services during the session

Convention adjourned until the second Wednesday of October next, to

meet at Newtown.

Deacons

New York-

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

[October 7-8, 1806]

At a meeting of the Bishop & Presbyters of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticutt holden at the house of the Revd. Daniel Burhans in NewTown the 7th, day of October 1806.-

Present

Right Rev^d. A Jarvis D D

Rev^d. Doctor Mansfield Rev^d, Doctor Hubbard

Rev^d. Philo Shelton

Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin

Rev^d. Chauncey Prindle Russel Wheeler

Rev^d Tillotson Brownson Virgil H Barber

Rev^d Reuben Ives

Revd. Truman Marsh Visiting Brethren

Rev^d. Daniel Burhans

Jonathan Judd Rev^d. Calvin White from the State of

Rev^d Minzies Rayner

Rev^d. Roger Searle

Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin was chosen Secretary.

Voted that all regular Clergymen, belonging to the Episcopal Church, who may be present during the fession, be invited to

take a seat as visiting Brethren .-

The Rev^d Truman Marsh, Rev^d Menzies [Rayner,] Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin & Revd. Tillotson Brownson were appointed a Committee to enquire into the state of the Church in the Diocese & report to this or the next Convocation .-

Convocation adjourned untill to morrow at 8 OClock A. M .-

Wednesday 8 OClock A. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to Adjournment. Convocation adjourned untill 6 OClock P. M .--

6 o'clock P. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to adjournment.-

Whereas the Convention of the Episcopal Church holden at NewTown this 8th. day of October, decided that they were not competent to judge respecting the suspension & degradation of Ammi Rogers.-

Resolved by the Convocation that in their opinion the only proper board for redrefs of grievances complained of by sd Rogers in consequence of his suspension & degradation is the House of Bishops, to whose decission the Convocation are ever ready to submit.-

Rvd Mr Brownson, Revd Mr. Whitlock & Revd Mr Rayner be appointed a committee to write to Bishop White, Bishop Clagget, & Bishop Moore & request their opinion on the subject of Ammi Rogers-

Leave of Absence was granted to the Revd. Mr. Baldwin during the remainder of the Session

Rev^d. Mr. Shelton appointed Secretary Pro. Tem.

The committee appointed to write to the Bishops, reported the following letter, which was directed to be signed by the secretary & transmitted to the several Bishops who were present at the last General Convention .-

Right Revd Sir .-

The Bishop of Connecticutt with the advice of his Presbyters in Convocation assembled at Cheshire in the Month of October of the Year 1804, paísed sentence of degredation against Mr Ammi Rogers. In taking this step, the Bishop conceived himself warranted by the proceedings had with regard to the said Mr Rogers before the House of Bishops at New York.—This opinion was formed on the consideration of the full, & solemn hearings that were given to Mr Rogers & the Delegation from Connecticutt: & on the conceived impropriety of again calling in question facts which the highest ecclesiastical authority in our Church, had said were proved.-Having nothing in view, as is hoped & believed, but the honour of God's Church & the pros-

perity of true religion, it is found with regret that a different opinion has been expressed by two of the members of the house of Bishops; in their affidavits given to Mr Rogers; which has exposed the Church in Connecticut to much inconvenience & trouble, & the danger of an unhappy scism greatly increased by the efforts now carried on by the sd Mr Rogers & his adherents.

If these evils are to be ascribed to the Governors of the Church in Connecticut in consequence of their erroneous conclusions from what was done at New York, they flatter themselves that it was the error of the head, & not of the heart; But however this may be, they stand ready to be corrected by the competent authority.—And being disposed to do every thing in their power for the peace of the Church they do hereby request that you will, in conjunction, with the other Bishops concerned, transmit a statement of your view of the whole subject, together with your advice to Connecticut, how it would be prudent in the present state of things, to proceed; & particularly whether it would be advisable to give Mr Rogers a new



Trial on the ground of Nulity in the act of degradation.

Your advice on this, or any other point, that may tend to remove the unhappy embarasments, under which the Church is laboring will be thankfully received & seriously weighed, & considered.-

Convocation adjourned without day.

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary.

{October 8, 1806}

AT a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Lay Delegates, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, held at Newtown, by adjournment, on Wednesday, the 8th day of October, 1806:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, Rev. Dr. Mansfield, Rev. Daniel Burhans, Ambrose Todd, Henry Whitlock, " Hubbard. Philo Shelton, Menzies Rayner, Calvin White, Roger Searle, Russell Wheeler, Deacon, Ashbel Baldwin. Chauncey Prindle, Tillotson Bronson, Reuben Ives, Truman Marsh, " Virgil H. Barber,

LAY DELEGATES.

Grand Levy. Grand Levy. Abijah Curtis, Philo Curtis, Newtown, Macock Ward, Roxbury, Joseph Smith, Canaan, Elisha Wilcox, Stratford, \$12,000 N. Clark, Jun., Huntington, 18,000 Charles French, Union Church, Dr. Wm. Beard, Reading, 12,960 John Nicoll, Waterbury,
Burrage Beach, Esq., Cheshire,
Capt. I. Shephard, Wallingford, Ely Perry, Brookfield,
Jesse Noble, Burritt, Bridgeport, 8,666 Noah M. Bronson, Plymouth, Alner A. Hard, Watertown, Ephraim Peck, Woodbury, 7,000 Abijah Hull, Derby Robert Downs, Weston, Andrew Lyon, Trumbull,

A procession was formed from the house of the Rev. Mr. Burhans, to the Episcopal Church, where morning prayers were read by the Rev. Reuben Ives, and a discourse delivered by the Rev. Henry Whitlock. After divine service was closed, the Convention was opened in due form by the Bishop, agreeably to the adjournment in June.

Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 3 o'clock.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Principal of the Academy.

The Rev. Tillotson Bronson was unanimously elected.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Mr. John Curtis, Burrage Beach, Esq., and Mr. John Nicoll, were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Bronson, and in-

quire whether he will accept the appointment.

The above committee reported that the Rev. Mr. Bronson accepted of the

The above committee reported that the Lev. Mr. Bronson accepted of the appointment as Principal of the Academy.

The Rev. Dr. Bowden was elected a trustee of the Academy, in the room of Mr. Bronson, elected the Principal.

On motion, Resolved, That the Journals of all the Conventions which have not been printed, together with the Constitution of the Church in Connecti-

cut, be published.

Leave of absence was granted to Doctor Perry and Doctor Beard. Rev. Mr. Burhans, Rev. Mr. Todd, and Burrage Beach, Esq., were appointed a committee to devise some plan for printing the Journals of Conventions since the year 1803, and report to this, or the next Convention.

Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the Rev. Mr. Whitlock, for his

excellent sermon delivered before them.

Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the President and Secretary, for their attendance and services during the session. eir attendance aus services

Convention adjourned, without day.

ASHBEL BALDWIN. Secretary.

Deacons-

Rufsel Wheeler

Horace V Barber

Cornwall

---{June 2-3, 1807}-

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters and Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticutt holden at the house of Deacon Russel Wheeler in Watertown on the 2d. Day of June 1807.-

Present Right Rev^d. Bishop Jarvis

Revd. John Tyler Rev^d. Philo Shelton Revd. Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d Chauncey Prindle Rev^d. Tillitson Brownson Rev^d Reuben Ives Rev^d. Truman Marsh

Revd. Daniel Burhans Rev^d Menzies Rayner

Rev^d Henry Whitlock Revd Nathan B Burgis

Reva. Mr Buckley from Poukeepsiee in the State of New York was present & requested to take a seat.—

Rev^d M^r Baldwin was chosen Secretary.-

A letter from the Rev^d Doctor Hobart of New York, respecting the Churchmans Magazine was read-& Mess the Revd. Mr. Shelton, Revd Mr Marsh, & the Revd Mr Brownson were appointed a committee to answer the same.-

Convocation adjourned untill 7 OClock to Morrow Morning.-

Wednesday June 3d. 7 OClock A M.

Convocation opened agreeable to the adjournment

Letters from Bishop White, Bishop Clagget, & Bishop More were read, and ordered to be kept on file.-

An Address from Ammi Rogers to the Convocation was read, and ordered to be kept on file .-

Voted the thanks of the Convocation to the Rev^d Daniel Burhans for his sermon delivered at the Ordination of the Revd Mr Wheeler .-

Convocation Adjourned without day.

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-[June 3-4, 1807]-

AT a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, Deacons, and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut, held at Watertown, on the first Wednesday of June, 1807:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, D. D. Rev. John Tyler,
" Philo Shelton,
" Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Menzies Rayner,

"Henry Whitlock,

"Nathan B. Burgis,

"Mr. Plumb, Deacon,

"Barber, Chauncey Prindle, Tillotson Bronson, Reuben Ives, 6.6 " Cornwall, " Wheeler, Truman Marsh, Daniel Burhans,

LAY DELEGATES.

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Z. Toucey,
B. Beach, Esq., Cheshire,
W. Mosely, Woodbury,
M. Ward, Roxbury, 3,138 17 6,765 32 4,738 96 Joel Walter, New Haven.

A procession was formed from the house of Mr. Russel Wheeler, to the Episcopal Church, where morning prayers were read by the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Philo Shelton.

Convention was opened by the Bishop, and the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin was elected Secretary.

elected Secretary.

Nathan Smith and Charles Denison, Esqrs., were chosen trustees of the Episcopal Academy, in the room of Col. Joseph Drake, and William S. Johnson, Esq., resigned. Also, the Rev. Philo Shelton, in the room of the Rev. Bela Hubbard, resigned.

Rev. Messrs. Ashbel Baldwin, Philo Shelton, Reuben Ives, Tillotson Bronson, and Rev. Dr. Hubbard, were appointed the Standing Committee.

The house divided, agreeably to the Constitution, to elect their Delegates the constant Convention in May next.

to attend the General Convention in May next.

Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton, Brouson, and Burhans, were chosen by the Clergy; Burrage Beach, Charles Denison, Joseph Nichols, and William

Mosely, Esqrs., were elected by the Laity.

The above election was approved of by a vote of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Marsh, Rayner, Shelton, and Tyler, Eli
Curtis, Esq., Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Zalmon Toucey, Burrage Beach, Esq., and

Mr. Friend Collins, be a committee to ascertain the bounds of the several cures in this Diocese, and report to this or the next Convention.

The Bishop delivered the following Address to the Convention:



Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity:

We are now met, agreeably to an article in the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese; and as this Convention is composed of the Clergy, in their characters as ministers resident in their respective parishes, and of Lay Delegates from the several Churches, I have thought it proper to consider myself in the following address, only as your constituted President, in order to give what I shall say in that capacity, a different form from an Episcopal charge to the Clergy.

You are present then, brethren, in these two distinct characters, forming a compound body, the representative of a Church, the external polity of which is Episcopal, grounded upon Apostolic establishment, Jesus Christ being the founder and chief corner stone. If it is your wish to act in conformity with that faith and polity, it must be your concern to maintain unity of design and consistency of conduct, in every matter which is offered for your delib-

I have said that the characters of Clerical and Lay Representative are perfectly distinct; each, therefore, has its boundaries, within which all its rights and duties are consequently included. When the resolution was formed of establishing an annual Convention, it was urged as a reason for admitting the Laity to a share in the deliberations, that an intercourse would thereby be opened among the parishes, and thence a real benefit be derived to the Church throughout the Diocese. The Laity, therefore, may be instrumental of much good, as long as the boundaries which confine them are duly respected; but the moment these are destroyed, they become the ministers of incalculable evils. In order then to ensure the good and avoid the evil, it is absolutely necessary that each of you, my brethren, should have definite ideas concerning the rights and duties of your respective characters; and I therefore persuade myself that a brief consideration of the nature of these rights and duties, and an examination whether they have been hitherto violated or observed, will not now be either ill timed, or unworthy of your attention.

The Priesthood is in its own nature sacred, and as such you will esteem and reverence it, as it comes from God, and terminates in Him, the head. Its functions are holy, because they are the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the instruments of the grace of God, for the perfecting of the saints towards their coming to His everlasting kingdom. Whoever is duly taught and believes that this is the economy and fixed order which God hath established in His Church, will believe it criminal to obtrude upon the sacred inclosure, and his conscience will suggest the severe responsibility for breaking down

and his conscience will suggest the severe responsibility for breaking down those fences which God hath erected about his Church.

As the ministering in holy things is the province assigned to the Clergy, so a certain authority is annexed to their office. What that authority is, people averse to every kind of restraint are not careful to inquire, nor much disposed to understand; and yet, without that understanding, the best disposed are liable to do, what better information would convince them is utter-

posed are liable to do, what better information would convince them is utterly wrong, and would therefore hardly fail effectually to prevent.

The authority of the Priesthood is purely spiritual, its powers are merely ecclesiastical. This spiritual authority was given to the Apostles, to found and establish the Church; the same authority was by the Apostles conveyed to their successors, to preserve, and edity, and universally promulgate it. Corresponding with this distinction, the spiritual authority consists in preaching the Gospel, and administering the sacraments; the ecclesiastical consists in the exercise of discipline, in binding and loosing, that is, in admitting into and shutting out of the Church, and in intermediate acts necessary to correct

slighter offences.

With respect to this latter authority only, are the Canons of the Church formed. And as they are intended for the preservation of harmony and order in the execution of it, every national Church has the power of making such laws as local circumstances may require. At the time when such strenuous exertions were made to obtain this authority in its fullest extent, by having resident Bishops in the American Church, the Clergy were well acquainted with the interest which the Laity in general took in the cause for which they solicited, and the jealousy which they felt upon the subject of ecclesiastical discipline. On this head, from a desire to be well understood, they were careful to express their fixed determination that a strict discipline, especially as it regarded the Clergy, should be established. The meaning and extent of their determination is to be collected from the Canons of the English Church, to which they at that time belonged

But as the Church is not a kingdom of this world, her laws have no other But as the Church is not a kingdom of this world, her laws have no other binding force than that which the conscience prescribes. The rewards and punishments annexed to them are wholly of an eternal nature. The means indeed of increasing in faith and virtue, and thereby becoming the subjects of those rewards, are the privileges and blessings which God hath established in his Church on earth; but the complete and final possession of them is reserved for the glorified Church in heaven. The penalties denounced against the transgressor touch not this earthly life or goods, but are the cutting men off from the good things laid up for the obedient in the kingdom of heaven, and the present means ordained by the great Redeemer to obtain them.

them. Yet although the secular arm is not raised to support the discipline of the Church, still in the view of a Christian, its ordinances are thereby deprived of none of their authority, "Religion," indeed, as the judicious Dr. Chandler observes, "being a matter of free choice, for which we are ordinarily accountable to Him only who will hereafter judge us for our moral behavior of the Church considered with relation to civil power, being, in the accountable to firm only who will hereafter judge as no our moral behavior; and the Church, considered with relation to civil power, being, in the very nature of it, a voluntary society; it is left to men's consciences to determine whether they will become members of it or not. But after they have become members, the laws of the Church are in force against them, and they are subject, in ecclesiastical matters, to the authority of those who govern it."

On this head, however, it is not necessary for me to enlarge. I trust that all of us are members of the Church from the conviction that her doctrines are pure, and her discipline uncorrupted. Under the hand of Providence, inquiry after truth opened the way for her to take root among us, and by a gradual and progressive growth, she hath since arrived to the possession of those offices which were originally given by her head and founder to propo-gate, to feed, and to support her to the end of the world.

I come now to consider the duties of the Laity; and these may be divided into those which they owe as parishioners in general, and as parish officers in particular. As however, the discussion of the first of these branches is In particular. As nowever, the discussion of the first of these orangements of properly included within the province of a parish Clergyman, I shall not here insist upon it, but shall immediately direct your attention to the second, which comprehends the duties of the Delegates or Representatives of the Parish in the Convention of the Diocese, and those of the Wardens and Vestrymen who have the management of its parochial concerns.

It is then your duty, as the Representatives of your several Parishes, to be well acquainted with the affairs of it, to obtain the confidence of your constituents, to be stable and grounded in the doctrines and Constitution of the Church, and in every action to show that you have its prosperity at heart. If such be the case, your inquiries will be directed to the particular and general state of the Church; your deliberations will be salutary, since they will be confined to its temporal affairs, upon which alone, the Laity may with propriety act; and you may, by so doing, give energy and support to the Clergy in the appropriate duties of their office. A little reflection on what has taken place during a number in succession of our last Contion on what has taken place during a number in succession of our last Conventions, may fully prove to your minds the importance of what I have now said, to mark out the qualifications of those who should make up the Delegation to the Convention. What a Clergyman does in the discharge of his holy function, in giving reproofs and admonitions to the disorderly and vinoisy function, in giving reproofs and admonitions to the disorderly and vicious belonging to his cure, in admitting to the Communion and repelling from it, cannot properly or safely fall under the cognizance or animadversion of this body. What the Bishop does in the administration of his high office, in admitting persons to the exercise of the Priesthood, or in degrading them from it, the intelligent Laity will feel themselves conscientiously restrained from meddling with, or from usurping a jurisdiction over him or his proceed-ings. It is the prerogative of the Holy King of Zion to appoint his officers; and if a man appears before Him, not having on a wedding garment, or who has neglected or abused his talent, it belongs to the King to order who shall

The duties of Wardens and Vestrymen are proportionably various, as they are, or are not, invested with legal authority. In our Church, they have the legal powers of what is termed a Society's committee, so far as the law extends to us, and gives powers to our Parish transactions. But those powers which are peculiar to themselves are much more numerous; and as these, it is to be feared, are both too imperfectly known, and too slightly regarded, I hope that it will be productive of some good, if the principal part

of them are here briefly enumerated.

It is the duty of the Church Wardens to take care of the buildings which belong to it, such as the Parsonage or Glebe House, if there be one, together with the out-houses, and also the Church, with its appurtenances, so far as they have or can obtain the means necessary, to keep it in good and decent condition. If there be a Church Yard, that also should be an object of their attention, that nothing improper may be done in it, nor any encroachments made upon it. If the Church have any property annexed to it, and that property be a part of the Minister's living, it is their duty to assist him, if requisite, that the property may suffer no damage, and the Church no injury; or if the property be so placed as to apply immediately to the use of the Parish, in this case, the Wardens have the charge of making it as productive as possible, and of applying the profits to such uses as shall be most subservient to the good of the Church. They are also to receive in trust, and in concert with the Minister to dispose of, the contributions and charities of the Church, in such a manner as may be most subservient to those nur-poses for which they were given by the parishioners. To them it belongs to provide the elements for the Holy Eucharist, and as the Church always expects that they will be examples to their Christian brethren, it is their most indispensable duty to partake of that heavenly feast. It is their duty also. to encourage by every means in their power, a diligent attendance of the parishioners upon the public worship of the Church, and consequently for the better promoting of good order and correct morals among the people, to report to the Minister concerning the negligent and vicious, and to do at all times what they can to assist and support him in the discharge of his office, wherever the discipline of the Church is directed, and the order of it pointed

Such, brethren, are the observations which I have been led to make upon the relative rights and duties of the Clergy and the Laity; and I request you to bear them in mind while I proceed to the second point which was proposed, and that is—an examination whether these rights and duties have been hitherto violated or observed.

You will doubtless recollect that in speaking upon the authority of the Clergy, I observed that it was of two kinds, spiritual and ecclesiastical, and that the former consisted in preaching the Gospel, and administering the sacraments. With grief do I add that in the first of these rights, their authority has been directly violated by the employment of lay preachers.

Such are preaching candidates. Christ "hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and prepagate to his people, being penient.

ment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penient, the absolution and remission of their sins." He who hath not these given to him, hath neither of them to preach the Gospel, which is a declaring to the people, the remission of their sins, through repentance and faith in our



Lord Jesus Christ. An intention to enter into the priesthood is a self-offering, and it is required that a declaration of this intention be made one year previous to ordination. The rule supposes that the name of the person is put on record, and that he is afterwards considered as a candidate. a preposterous idea seems to have been adopted that the candidate is authorized to officiate, its reading the prayers of the Church and in preaching. In consequence of this idea, the people, either through ighorance of the principles of their own Church, or from a desire of bearing a nearer affinity to the dissenters, have grafted into our clerical character, a new grade, I mean that of licensed preachers; and this has been done without their pretending even to the shadow of a license, unless it be the beforementioned If the vacant congregations would be contented to have a lay reader, until they could be supplied with a priest, and if, provided no one among them should be proper or willing to perform the office, they would procure a candidate to lead them in the prayers and read a sermon to them, no par-ticular objections would arise. But on the sole ground of being a candidate, a circumstance which has no connection with preaching, or with any clerical services in the devotions of the Church, for him to undertake to preach, and for the people to do any thing to promote it, is in both a palpable contradiction to the principles of the Church. On the part of the parishioners, it is entirely absurd; on that of the candidate, it is a direct bar against his admission into the priesthood.

I have, as I hope, gentlemen, said enough upon this subject to convince you of the impropriety, not to say sinfulness, of thus wantonly usurping the peculiar functions of the priesthood. But there still remains another particular with respect to the violation of clerical authority, which earnestly demands our consideration. The firm belief that Ecclesiastical authority, in its fullest extent, was essential not only to the well ordering, but even to the very being of the Church in this country, caused our predecessors to plead so strongly as they did, for the obtaining of it. From their public communications, we learn what evils they expected would be remedied, and what benefits would be enjoyed, by having resident Bishops in the American Church. One particular advantage, pre-eminently conducive, in their opinion, to its welfare and reputation, would be the complete information which the Bishop could obtain, or the personal knowledge he would have of those who should be presented to him for ordination; and thereby the greater security would be established that no disqualified or unworthy persons would get admission into the Ministry. But in case such instances should happen, and the Church should suffer scandal, the Bishop would be at hand, to correct, suspend, and if necessary, to silence, to depose from their office, and even to excommunicate from the society of Christians, the vicious and in-

I ask, then, gentlemen, whether the Episcopate in possession be considered as holding primitive powers; and whether it be now viewed in the same light, in which they viewed it, who contended so long and so earnestly to procure its establishment among us? Is it found to be a remedy, for the evils complained of, and does it experimentally yield to the Church that good which was expected? During the time in which our Church was destitute of resident Bishops, there were among the Clergy, men of acknowledged abilities, and of characters approved for their activity, learning, and piety. How watchful were the endeavors of these Clergymen, may be easily imagined; and yet by them we have it asserted, as one of the evils for which they solicited the Episcopate as a redress, that vicious men from this country, by means of testimonials, either forged or obtained, God knows how, procured ordination in England; and after having been invested with the sacred of fice, had been sent back to take charge of the souls of others—in the prosecution of which work, they acted as if they had net, or imagined that they had not, any souls of their own.*

corrigible.

Are we not compelled to own, that the same fact has taken place since Bishops have been present among us? After a solemn investigation, full proof of fact, and actual deposition from office, have not numbers arisen to support the degraded person, even while be continues to minister, in defauce of the authority which has stripped him of all right so to do? By this contumelious and ruinous procedure, a schism commenced, the future extent and continuation of which is indeed uncertain; but most certain has been the contempt shown to Ecclesiastical authority. The false tongue of the transgressor has found listening ears, and minds disposed to credit his tales, and to associate with him in the work of mischief. By them, the Bishop's character has been loaded with obloquy and reproach, and Korah, (though thus to use the name is degrading even to Korah,) in the eye of his company, has become the saint, and the Bishop the sinner.

Repeated efforts to bring this subject before the Convention, though every attempt to do it was, in my apprehension, a fresh outrage upon the order and authority of the Church, is the cause of my speaking in this manner. Had circumstances been such as would have directed me to call your attention to the ordinary concerns only of the Church, according to her well known rules, and sound doctrines, it would have been far, far more congenial with my wishes.

I have now finished what I had to say upon those irregularities which have more immediately affected the Clergy; I shall now briefly propose for your consideration, a few remarks upon those which have taken place in some of our parish transactions; and I the more earnestly request you to attend to them, because it is a subject which may come with propriety under the cognizance of the Laity.

One of these, which, in my apprehension, greatly needs some arrangement, is the relative connection of the Church in the Diocese. There is a greater number of Churches than there is of Clergymen, and consequently, with few exceptions, each has the charge of several. These Churches as-

sociate together to form a cure, and give support to a Clergyman, just as is most convenient to themselves, or as existing circumstances allow. But as these connections are arbitrary, their duration is precarious. Sometimes they are suddenly and without any good reason dissolved, that new connections may be formed; at other times, no parochial union is entered into, and thus some of the smaller congregations, being unable of themselves to make a competent provision for a Clergyman, continue destitute of the regular administration of religion. By these means, difficulties occur, and serious evils are felt, both by the Churches and the Clergy. The latter are sometimes deprived of a necessary part of their support; at all times it renders that support more precarious. Notwithstanding that upon an average, there are more than two congregations to one Clergyman, yet some, in order that the whole of their time may be employed, are obliged to seek for Churches, wherein, on their vacant Sundays, they may occasionally officiate. From these irregularities, another mischief may result, since they may cause interferences and encroachments between Clergymen in the execution of their office, which are repugnant to express injunctions of Canon. To remedy, as office, which are repugnant to express injunctions of Canon. To remedy, as far as our situation will admit, what is unquestionably injurious, some rule ought to be adopted. Under the existing state of things, that rule should, in my opinion, be formed and ratified by the Convention of the Diocese. A register of all the Churches should be made, and from that a list taken of those which now make the cure of each particular Clergyman. The Parishes which are vacant, and the smaller Churches which are not connected with any cure, should also be noted. After such an arrangement is agreed upon, if any alterations shall in future appear needful, for the better accommodation of the Churches in particular instances, or of the Clergymen officiating in them, let it be made the duty of those Churches, to express their case and their wishes to the Convention, in its stated session; and let them not be allowed to make any change in their parochial associations, unless that change receive its approbation, and be sanctioned by its authority. This would give some shape and permanent form to our Parishes, would afford greater security to the Clergy, and would probably be productive of more order, harmony, and peace, both to individuals and to the Church in

Another irregularity has prevailed in most of the Parishes, which deserves reprehension; and I trust that, in order to have it effectually removed, nothing more need be done than to point out to you, both the needlessness of

it, and the injury which it produces.

Under the notion that Wardens and Vestrymen are not known in the laws of the State, a practice has been introduced of choosing a committee to supply the place of Wardens and Vestry, and in the room of Parish, of substituting the word Society. To preserve the language of the Church, and to act, as they suppose, according to law, some Parishes have chosen a committee in addition to their proper officers. But notwithstanding all which has been said, I apprehend that this is a needless surrender of our own rights, and that it unnecessarily makes Wardens and Vestrymen merely nominal and useless. I have before observed, that as far as the law extends to us, they have all the powers of what is termed a Society's committee. As Wardens and Vestrymen, therefore, are the ancient ecclesiastical officers of a Parish, to substitute a committee in their stead, is to needlessly change the principles of the Church, and to adopt those which are independent and congregational.

In this view, the practice is injurious, and ought to be censured, as subversive of our ecclesiastical regimen. In the sense of the Church as expressed in her Canons, Wardens have a connection with the Rector, and bear a relation to him; but a committee represents a Society, and consequently can hold no such relation. This latter term, in its appropriate legal sense, means the congregation, independent of its Minister, and thus excludes him from having any share or voice in conducting the affairs of it. In the sense in which it is used by the Church, Society means the whole body of Christians, or the Church Universal, comprehending under one term both the Priesthood and the Laity. To apply this appellation to small companies or parcels of people in particular districts, is as improper, according to the sense and usage of the Church, as it would be to call a finger, or any

other member of a man, his body. The idea of the sectaries is entirely different; according to their notion of it, any number of people agreeing among themselves, and united for the support of assembled worship, is a Society or Church, in the full meaning of the word, and consequently independent of all others. This, in our understanding, is to make Christ have Churches by thousands; whereas, consistent with the unity of his body, he has and can have but one. The Church Catholic in its parts, takes distinct denominations from the different countries, and different civil governments under which it is placed. Hence its notation is national, and those general branches are again subdivided into provinces, dioceses, and parishes. In all these divisions and subdivisions, the Clergy, in their different grades, and several departments, preside over it, for the administration of the sacred ordinances, for instruction, and for government, as overseers of the flock. We deduce it from scriptural doctrine, illustrated by primitive practice, that in things spiritual, the Church is to be ordered and governed by those to whom Christ hath given it in commission to take the oversight.

Agreeably to the Canons, the Parish Ministers are to be aided by Wardens chosen by the parishioners. Hence, Wardens are the committee of the Parish, to perform certain duties and functions connected with those of the Minister, and needful for the better fulfillment of his office, and for the welfare of the Parish. Laying aside, therefore, the supposition of any specialty which may render it necessary for the officers of the Church to appear in the character specified by the law of the State, in order that they may enjoy the benefit of it, we should in our ecclesiastical business, direct our practice solely by the rules and injunctions of the Church; in which the words Parish and Wardens bear a very different construction from the legal



terms, Society and Committee.

I have now, brethren, said every thing that I have deemed necessary, respecting those irregularities in our ecclesiastical discipline, which have for some time called loudly for animadversion and censure. I will now add a

few general observations, and with them I shall conclude.

You are all aware that our Church is barely tolerated, and that we are at times obliged to contend for the preservation of what we consider as our just Her Rubrics and Canons have no legal sanction to enforce their observation; conformity to them must therefore proceed from a general confidence that they are founded on rational principles, and are framed for the maintenance of peace and order, as well as from a sense of the duty which every member indispensably owes to the Church. Her rules and orders indeed, no one can lightly regard and be innocent; for by these, as to list manner and form, is that discipline to be exercised, for which each individual, as he, in his order, shall exercise or submit to it, shall be finally answerable to Christ, the chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Standing then upon this high foundation, for Churchmen to be less tenacious of their principles than other Christians, is surely in the highest degree Yet although we are unable upon any rational ground to account for the fact, still we are compelled to acknowledge that they are so. A conviction that the Church is in every respect pre-eminent, we assert to be the reason of our choice and profession. However laudable then it may appear, to cherish a spirit of liberality and candour towards others; yet if in so doing, we dissipate our affections, and deaden our zeal for our own religion, it works mischief under a fair form. These laudable qualities change their nature, and degenerate into a morbid indifference, which, though slow-

er in its movements, is yet perhaps more fatal in the ead than open enmity.

Fixed and approved principles are of inestimable value in every age; but in the times in which the Providence of God has been pleased to cast our lot, their value has become palpably evident, even to the careless and inattentive. Examination will evince that the want of such principles, and of the practices resulting from them, has been the cause of much mischief, and of this we are the unhappy witnesses. Approved principles will lead you to measures which are similar to them, and prompt your exertions to right ends. God hath pitched his tent among us; he hath made it your duty to encamp around it. Yet instead of studying to do the will of God, in this respect, a mental intoxication seems, in these disastrous times, to be a prominent trait in the human character, by which men conceit that Solomon's wisdom dwells with them to find out witty inventions in matters of religion, and that every man hath a right to be uncontrolled, and to follow the devices and desires of his own heart. Such men form the spirit and fashion of those times, of the coming of which inspiration assures us, when they will not endure to hear plain or sound doctrine. To remedy these evils, I know of but one way, which is, that each individual, for himself, should sincerely and effectually reform his own conduct, and zealously perform the duties of his holy profession. By so doing, we shall, as we are divinely instructed, endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Then may we again, on the same authority, rest our hope and trust that the God of peace

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Bishop for his Address delivered to them, and that the Secretary be directed to request a

Copy of the same, to be published with the Journals.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Shelton, for his sermon delivered before the Convention at the opening of their session.

Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin read prayers.

Convention opened agreeably to adjournment. The Bishop being absent, Rev. John Tyler, senior Clergyman, took the chair, agreeably to the Con-

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several parishes in this Diocese, to have a collection in their respective Churches, to defray the expenses of the Delegates to the General Convention, and transmit the moneys collected to the Secretary, by the 1st day of November next.

The Convention having been informed that a proposition has been made from the Clergy in New York to remove the Churchman's Magazine from

Trom the Clergy in New York to remove the Churchman's Magazine from the State of Connecticut, to be published in future in the City of New York, Therefore, Resolved by this Convention, That they are sensible of the great importance of said Magazine to the Church in this Diocese, and would express their unwillingness to have it removed, and still recommend it to the zealous patronage of all the members of the Church.

Burrage Beach, Esq., was appointed to confer with the gentlemen in New York on this subject.

York on this subject.

Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention opened agreeably to adjournment.

Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Burrage Beach, Esq., and the Secretary, were appointed to procure and superintend the printing of all the Journals of Convention that have not already been printed; also the Bishops Address, delivered before this Convention.

Voted, the thanks of Convention to the President and Secretary, for their

attendance and services.

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Convention adjourned, without day.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

October 7-8, 1807]

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters & Deacons of the

Convocation adjourned to attend publick fervice.

A Procession was made to Christs Church, when Morning Prayers were said by the Revd Asa Cornwal, & a Sermon was

On motion-Voted, that the Rev^d M^r Griswold & Deacon John Ward from the Diocese of Rode Iseland be requested to take a seat in this Convocation as visiting Brethren.-

Voted, That in future the Deacons shall be admitted to vote in Convocation, in all cases excepting when the Bishop decides

it will be improper for them to act.-

Voted That Bishop Jarvis, Mess Baldwin & Burhans be appointed a Committee with full powers to secure a copy rite for the Churchman's magazine, for the Bishop & Clerg[y] of this Diocese, upon condition such copy rite can be legally secured to them & upon condition such a measure shall meet with the approbation of the clergy in New York-and that they be empowered by this body, to negociate with the Printers, & others concerned the manner of its future publication.—25

Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning 8 OClock

Convocation meet agreeable to adjournment Convocation adjourned to attend publick fervice.

A Procession was made to Christs Church, when Morning Prayers were said by the Rev^d Asa Cornwal, & a Sermon was delivered by the Revd Menzies Rayner .-

Thursday 6 OClock P. M.

On motion.-Voted the thanks of this Convocation to the Rev^d Mr Rayner for his sermon delivered before them.—

Voted the thanks of the Convocation, to the President & Secretary for their attendance, and services .-

Convocation adjourned without day

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-[June 1-2, 1808]

AT a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden at Trinity Church, New Haven, the first Wednesday of June, 1808:

PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop JARVIS, D. D., Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard,

" Philo Shelton,

- Ashbel Baldwin, Tillotson Bronson,
- Chauncey Prindle,
- Reuben Ives,

- Truman Marsh, Ambrose Todd,
- Rev. Calvin White,
 "Nathan B. Burgis, 46
 - Roger Searle,
 - " Elijah G. Plumb,
- Asa Cornwall, Russell Wheeler,
- Benjamin Benham, Deacon.

Divine service was attended in Trinity Church. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Shelton, and a sermon delivered by the Bishop

A committee was appointed to examine the certificates of the Lay Deputies, who reported the following persons duly elected:

Grand Levy.

P. Sherwood, Stratfield, \$6,000 M. Seymour, Esq., Litchfield,



C. Mansfield, Northford, 1,691
14,064 Thomas Burgis, Guilford, 6,050
10,586 Samuel Bill, Glastenbury, 7,312
10,000 S. Griswold, Esq., Simsbury, 10,350
7,728 James Bennett, Newtown, 31,125 John Andrews, Wallingford, 7,249
3,621 Burrage Beach, Esq., Cheshire, 7,905 A. Hillyer, Esq., Granby and Hartland, J. Sturges, Fairfield, Joel Bradley, Harwinton, A. Beers, Esq., Danbury. J. H. Jacocks, Snew Haven, West Haven, Timothy Johnson, Branford, 7,895 Sela Richmond, New Milford.

12,250

Eleazer Judd, Watertown,

Rev. Mr. Baldwin was chosen Secretary.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to ascertain the hounds of the several Cures in this Diocese, gave information that they had not been enabled to make a report on that subject.

Rev. Mr. Shelton, Rev. Mr. Marsh, Rev. Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Beach, Mr. Jacocks, and Mr. Griswold, were appointed a committee to ascertain the bounds of the several Cures in this Diocese, and report to-

Resolved unanimously, That the Secretary be directed to return the thanks of the Convention to the Bishop, for his sermon, delivered at the opening of the session, and to request a copy for the press.

Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Shelton, Bronson, Ives, and Todd, were chosen

the Standing Committee.

Rev. Doctor Hubbard, Rev. Mr. Shelton, Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Burrage Beach, Esq., and Mr. Jacocks, were appointed a committee with full powers to petition the next General Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, in favor of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Leave of absence was granted to Andrew Burr, Esq., and Mr. Burgis.

Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning,

Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayers were read by the Secretary.

The committee appointed to ascertain the bounds of the several Cures in the Diocese, made the following report:

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The committee appointed to ascertain the bounds of the several Cures in the Diocese of Connecticut, beg leave to report—
Stamford and Horseneck, Rev. Mr. Wheaton; Norwalk and Wilton, Rev. Mr. Whitlock; Canaan and Ridgefield, vacant; Fairfield and Bridgeport, Rev. Mr. Shelton; Stratford and Milford, Rev. Mr. Baldwin; Hunnington, Rev. Mr. Todd; Newtown and Brookfield, Rev. Mr. Burhans; Reading and Danbury, Rev. Mr. Plumb; Weston and Trumbull, vacant; New Haven and West Haven, Rev. Dr. Hubbard; Derby, Woodbridge, and Chewstown, Rev. Mr. White; Oxford and Salem, Rev. Mr. Prindle; Waterbury, Rev. Mr. Barber; Hamden, Cheshire, and Southington, Rev. Mr. Ives; Meriden, Wallingford, and North Haven, vacant; East Haven, Branford, and Northford, vacant; Guilford, North Guilford, and Killingworth, Rev. Meriden, Wallingford, and North Haven, vacant; East Haven, Branford, and Northford, vacant; Guilford, North Guilford, and Killingworth, Rev. Mr. Baldwin, (Deacon); New London and Groton, Rev. Mr. Seabury; Norwich, and parts adjacent, Rev. Mr. Tyler; Brooklyn and Pomfret, Rev. Mr. Fogg; Hebron, Glastenbury, and Marlborough, Rev. Mr. Burgis; East Haddam and Saybrook, Rev. Mr. Blakesley; Middletown, Durham; and Berlin, vacant; Chatham and Middle Haddam, Rev. Mr. Miles; Hartford and East Windsor, Rev. Mr. Rayner; Simsbury, Granby, and parts adjacent, Rev. Mr. Cornwall; Litchfield, Rev. Mr. Marsh; Salisbury and Canaan, vacant; Harwinton and East Plymouth, Rev. Mr. Searle; Plymouth and Northfield, vacant; Watertown, Rev. Mr. Wheeler; Woodbury, Southbury, and Bethlem, vacant; Roxbury, New Milford, and New Preston, Rev. Mr. Benham, (Deacon); Kent and Sharon, vacant.

PHILO SHELTON, Chairman of the Committee.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several parishes in this Diocese, to conform to the location of the several Cures, agreeably to the aforesaid

to conform to the location of the several Cures, agreeably to the aforesaid report, as soon as it can be done consistently with their present engagements. Resolved, That the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, Rev. Mr. Shelton, Rev. Mr. Todd, Mr. Beach, Mr. Judd, and Mr. Jacocks, be a committee to revise the Canons of this Church, and report to the next Convention. Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Shelton, Baldwin, Todd, and Bronson, and Burrage Beach, Esq., be authorized to inquire whether the Library given by Mr. Somaster, to the Clergy of Connecticut, may, consistently with the terms of the donation, be deposited in the Library of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire.

Burrage Beach, Esq., Moses Seymour, Esq., Col. Judd, and Mr. Jacocks, were appointed a committee to devise ways and means for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, and report to the next Convention.

Resolved, That the foregoing committee be empowered to liquidate the claims of the Delegates who have attended the General Convention, and devise ways and means for defraving the same.

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Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the President and Secretary, for their attendance and services, during the session.

Convention adjourned.

By order of the President, ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

MIDDLETOWN, April 3d, 1809.

WE, the Church Wardens, do certify the Right Rev. Abbaham Jarvis, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut, that the Rev. John Kewley, M. D., has been duly chosen Rector of Christ Church, Middletown, pursuant to the 29th Canon of General Convention, 1808.

ARTHUR MAGILL, WILLIAM C. HALL, Church Wardens.

[A true copy of their certificate.]

-[August 30-31, 1808]-

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters & Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut in Convocation holden at the house of the Revd Henry Whitlock in Norwalk on the 30th, day of August 1808.-

Present

Right Rev^d Bishop Jarvis D. D.

Rev^d Bela Hubbard D. D.

Visiting Brethren Rev^d Philo Shelton

Rev^d Afhbel Baldwin from Maryland Rev^d John Kewley M.D.

Revd Bethel Judd from New York State Rev^d. George Strebeck

Rev^d Evan Rogers

Rev^d Daniel Burhans Rev^d Menzies Rayner Rev^d. Calvin White Rev^d Asa Cornwall

Rev^d Henry Whitlock

Rev^d Ambrose Todd

Deacons-

Rev^d Elijah G Plumb Rev^d Benjamin Benham

Rev^d Zalmon Wheaton

The Rev^d Ashbel Baldwin was elected Secretary.—

The Revd John Kewley of Chester Parish & the Revd. Bethel Judd of St Ann's at Anapolis in Maryland were present & requested to take a Seat in Convocation as visiting Brethren.-

Voted, that the Committee appointed at the last Convocation respecting the Churchman's Magazine be discharged from any further consideration of that subject.-

Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock to morrow Morning.-

Wednesday 8 OClock A. M.

Convocation opened agreeable to adjournment

The Revd. George Strebeck from New York & the Revd Evan Rogers from Rye were present, & were requested to take their seats as visiting Brethren.

Convocation adjourned to attend publick Service.-

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev^d. Menzies Rayner & a sermon was delivered by the Revd. Daniel Burhans & Deacons Benjamin Benham & Elijah G Plumb were admitted to the holy Order of Priests .-

Wednesday 5 OClock P. M.

Convocation opened in due form.-

The Rev^d. Henry Whitlock & the Rev^d Salmon Wheaton were requested by the Convocation to attend the Convocation in New York.-

Voted the thanks of this Convocation to the Rev^d Daniel Burhans for his Sermon delivered before them .-

Voted the thanks of Convocation to the President and Secretary for their attendance & fervices.

Adjourned sine Die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-{June 6-8, 1809}-

A Convocation of the Presbyters of the Episcopal Church in Connecticutt was holden at the house of Capt. Timothy Johnson in Guilford on the 6th. day of June 1809-

Present.

Revd. John Tyler-President

Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin

Rev^d. Chauncey Prindle

Rev^d, Tillotson Brownson



Rev ^d . Reuben Ives Rev ^d . Truman Marsh	Rev ^d . Rufsel Wheeler Rev ^d . Benjamin Benham
Rev ^d . Daniel Burhans	Rev ^d . Virgil H Barber
Rev ^d . Nathan B Burges	Rev ^d . John Kewley
Rev ^d . Menzies Rayner	Rev ^d . David Baldwin

Visiting Brethren.

Rev^d Abraham Beach D. D. from New York Rev^d Abraham Brownson from Vermont

Revd. Ashbel Baldwin was elected Secretary.-Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock to morrow Morning.—

Wednesday Morning 8 OClock

Convocation meet agreeable to the Adjournment.

Rev^d. Elijah G. Plumb Rev^d. Charles Seabury Rev^d, Philo Shelton) took their seats.-

Resolved that the Rev^d Doctor Beach & the Rev^d, M^r. Brownson he requested to take their seats with the Convocation as visiting Brethren during its present fession .-

On motion by Mr. Ives, resolved unanimously that the Bishop be requested to appoint a meeting of Convocation at Cheshire on the First Wednesday of October next.-

Convocation adjourned untill 7 OClock P. M. for the purpose of attending publick service in the Church—A procession was then formed from the house of Capt Johnson to the Episcopal Church by the Clergy & Lay Delegates-Morning Prayers was read by the Rev^d, Rufsel Wheeler, & a Sermon was delivered by the Revd Ashbel Baldwin-The Revd. David Baldwin was duly & canonically instituted into the Rectorship of Christ's Church in Guilford, & the Churches of North Guilford, and North Killingsworth.—26

Wednesday 7 OClock P. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to the adjournment.

Revd. Mr Baldwin & the Revd Mr Shelton were requested to attend the State Convention in New York .-

Convocation adjourned untill to morrow at 11 OClock A. M.

Thursday 11 OClock.

Convocation met agreeable to the adjournment.

Voted the thanks of Convocation to the President & Secretary for their Attendance & Services.

Adjourned Sine Die

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

New Haven October 26th. 1809

-{June 7-8, 1809}-

AT a meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut, in Christ Church, Guilford, on the first Wednesday of June, 1809:

PRESENT,

- Rev. John Tyler, " Philo Shelton,
- Ashbel Baldwin, Tillotson Bronson,
- Reuben Ives,
- Chauncey Prindle, Truman Marsh, Charles Seabury,
- Rev. Nathan B. Burgis, Menzies Rayner,
 - John Kewley, M. D., Russell Wheeler,
 - Elijah G. Plumb,
 - Benjamin Benham, Virgil H. Barber,
 - David Baldwin.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D., from NewYork; Rev. Abraham Bronson, from Vermont.

The Bishop being absent, the Rev. John Tyler, being the eldest Presby-ter present, took his seat as President of the Convention.

The following gentlemen produced the requisite testimonials, which were examined by a committee and approved, and they took their seats as Lay Delegates.

Grand Levy.

A. Comstock, New Canaan, \$7,194 06
G. Smith, Esq., Watertown, 11,720 70
W. Warner, New Milford, 9,466 00
A. Moody, Woodbury, 6,341 10
R. Ward, St. Mark's Parish, Plymouth, 5,393 00
I. Cleaver, Glastenbury, 8,841 20
A. Curtiss, Newtown, 32,623 37 J. Cleaver, Glastehoury, 5,641 20 A. Curliss, Newtown, 32,623 37

O. Todd, St. Peter's Parish, D. F. Fowler, N. Guilford, 4,228 00

Plymouth, 7,734 00 M. Newell, Southington, 3,350 00

B. Bristol, North Bristol, 5,767 00 Jesse Kilbourn, Litchfield, 37,000 00

J. H. Jacocks, New Haven, 32,018 02 Samuel Elliott, Guilford, 7,000 00 6,733 00 B. Beach, Esq., Cheshire, 8,000 00 1,736 84 Andrew Lyon, Trumbull, 12,821 00 M. S. Beach, Wallingford, N. Johnson, Northford, 7,918 00 N. Wooster, Oxford, 8,207 00 Manoah Camp, Durham, 6,733 00 Charles French, Chewstown. N. Cornwall, Danbury, 6,975 00 John Wilford, Branford, Amos Squire, Roxbury, B. Smith, Ridgefield, 10,504 43

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin was duly elected.

The committee appointed at the last Convention on the subject of Somaster's Library, (so called,) reported that said Library is entirely at the direction of the Clergy, and may be kept wherever they shall direct. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Shelton, and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, be a committee to collect all the books they can find belonging to said Library, place them in the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, and

ing to said Library, place them in the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, and form a code of by-laws for their preservation.

William Heron, Esq., of Reading, resigned his seat as trustee of the Episcopal Academy, and Garrit Smith, Esq., was appointed in his stead.

The Convention by vote vacated the seat of Abijah Hull, as trustee of the Episcopal Academy, and Mr. John H. Jacocks was appointed in his place. The Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. John Kewley, Burrage Beach, and Garrit Smith, Esqrs., were appointed a committee to devise ways and means to purchase a Library for the Episcopal Academy.

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last Convention to revise the Canons, be continued, and that they be requested to report to the next

The Rev. Mr. Shelton, the Rev. Mr. Seabury, and Mr. Abijah Curtiss, were appointed as a committee, to liquidate the claims of the Delegates who have attended the General Convention, devise ways and means to pay

the same, and report to-morrow morning. Rev. Philo Shelton, Rev. Tillotson Bronson, and Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, were elected the Standing Committee.

On motion of Mr. Shelton, Resolved, That the President be requested to return the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, for his appropriate sermon delivered before them at the opening of the Convention. Convention adjourned until 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning, 6 o'clock.

Convention opened agreeably to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Secretary.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means to increase the Library in the Episcopal Academy, reported the following resolution, which was afterwards adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the board of trustees of the Episcopal Academy, to authorize agents in such places as they may think proper, in this State or elsewhere, to solicit subscriptions or donations from the friends

of the Church, and the pattons of Literature.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, within three months after the rising of the Convention annually, to write to those Clergymen of the Diocese who shall have neglected to attend the Convention, to ascertain the reason of their absenting themselves, and report their reasons to the following Convocation.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Parishes in the Diocese, which did not contribute to defray the expense of the delegation to the last General Convention, now to have a collection, and to transmit (as soon as may be) all moneys that shall be collected by them, to Mr. John H. Jacocks, of New Haven, to be by him distributed to all persons who have liquidated claims on the Convention, in proportion to the respective sums due to

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Ives, and Burrage Beach, Esq., be a committee to publish such documents from the Journals of the General and State Conventions respecting Mr. Ammi Rogers, as they may think proper, and distribute them to all persons who may wish for information on that subject; and that the petition from the Church in New Canaan be referred to them.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Bowden, the Rev. Mr. Ives, and the Rev. Mr. Bronson, be a committee to form a plan of education for the Episcopal Academy, and report the same to the next Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the President and Secretary for their attendance and services.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Rev. Mr. Shelton, and Burrage Beach, Esq., be requested to attend the State Convention at New York in October next.

__[October 26, 1809]

At a meeting of the Bishop & Presbyters of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticutt in Convocation holden at



Trinity Church in New Haven on Wednesday the 26th. day of October 1809.

Present.

Right Rev^d. Bishop Jarvis. D. D.

Rev^d. Richard Mansfield D D

Rev^d. Bela Hubbard D D. Rev^d. Solomon Blakesley

Reva. Philo Shelton Rev^d. Rogers Searle Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d. Calvin White

Rev^d, Tillotson Brownson Rev^d. Rufsel Wheeler Rev^d. Truman Marsh Rev^d. Virgil H Barber

Rev^d. Chauncey Prindle Rev^d. Nathan B Burges Revd. Daniel Burhans

Revd. Asa Cornwall Revd. David Baldwin

Revd. Joseph D. Welton-Deacon.-

Morning Prayers were read by the Revd. Doctor Hubbard. Rev^d. M^r. Barber was appointed secretary Pro. Tem.

Voted that this Convocation be adjourned untill 9 OClock to Morrow morning, then to meet at the House of Bishop Jarvis.-Thursday o OClock A. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to the adjournment And as there was no business laid before the Convocasion it was adjourned without day.-

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

June 5-6, 1810]

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, & Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut holden at the house of Capt Amzi Talmage in Plymouth on the First Tuesday of June 1810.

Present.

Right Revd. Bishop Jarvis

Rev^d. Richard Mansfield D D

Rev^d. Bela Hubbard D D

Rev^d. Philo Shelton Rev^d. Roger Searle Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin Rev^d Salmon Wheaton

Rev^d. Chauncey Prindle Rev^d. Solomon Blakesley Rev^d. Tillotson Brownson Rev^d. Smith Miles

Rev^d. Daniel Burhans

Deacons Rev^d. Henry Whitlock Rev^d. Joseph D Welton Rev^d. Menzies Rayner

Revd. Sturgis Gilbert Rev^d. David Baldwin

Rev^d. Daniel McDonald Revd. Benjamin Benham Rev^d. Samuel F Jarvis Revd. Rufsel Wheeler

Rev^d. Reuben Hubbard Rev^d. Virgel H Barber

Convocation adjourned to meet at 8 OClock to morrow.-

Wednesday 8 OClock A. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to the adjournment.

A procession was formed to the Church. Morning Prayers was read by the Reva. Samuel F Jarvis, and a sermon delivered by the Revd. Chauncey Prindle, and the Revd. Roger Searle was duly, and canonically instituted into the Rectorship of St. Matthews & St. Peters Churches in Plymouth, by the Rev4. Philo Shelton.-

Voted the thanks of Convocation [to] the President and Secretary for their attendance & fervices

Convocation adjourned without day

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

AT a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, Deacons, and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut, held in St. Peter's Church, in Plymouth, on the 1st Wednesday of June, 1810, at 8 o'clock, A. M.: PRESENT,

The Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, D. D.,
Rev. Dr, Richard Mansfield, Rev. Benjamin I
" Bela Hubbard, " Russel Wh Rev. Benjamin Benham,
"Russel Wheeler, " Philo Shelton, Virgil H. Barber, Ashbel Baldwin, Roger Searle, Chauncey Prindle, Salmon Wheaton, John Kewley, M. D., Joseph D. Welton, Deacon. " Tillotson Bronson, Daniel Burhans, Henry Whitlock, Solomon Blakesley, Sturgis Gilbert,

Daniel McDonald, Smith Miles, Samuel F. Jarvis, Menzies Rayner, Reuben Hubbard, " David Baldwin,

The following gentlemen produced the requisite testimonials, which were examined by a committee, and approved; and they accordingly took their seats as Lay Delegates:

B. Beach, Esq., Cheshire, \$8,676 52 | Daniel Seidmon, Bethlem, 3,877 00 M. Nicoll, Esq., Stratford, 11,680 00 Moses Coles, Meriden, 4,000 00 J. Brainard, East Haddam, 7,000 00 New Milford, 9,200 00 Arnos Burr, Bridgeport, 5,700 00 Edward Riggs, Oxford, 6,325 00 Charles Collins, Guilford, 6,500 00 C. Merriman, Watertonn, 12,624 00 A. Perkins, Bethany.

A. Perkins, Bethany.

11,500 00 C. Merriman, Watertown, 12,624 00 Eliakim Peck, Danbury, 8,300 00 S. Graves, St. Matthew's, 5,000 00 J. Bradley, Esq., Harwinton, 9,800 00 James Burge, Litchfield, 35,046 00 M. Bakesley, St. Peters, 9,500 00

Rev. Mr. Baldwin, and Burrage Beach, Esq., were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, and the Rev. Mr.

Baldwin was elected.

The Convention adjourned until 5 o'clock.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met agreeably to adjournment.
Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.
On motion, Resolved, That the President be requested to return the thanks of this house to the Rev. Mr. Prindle, for his sermon delivered before them this day.

The Rev. Mr. Shelton, Rev. Mr. Burhans, Burrage Beach, Esq., and Gen. Matthias Nicoll, were appointed a committee to inquire into the state of the Magazines, and report to this, or the next Convention.

The following address was delivered by the Bishop to the House:

The last Convention at Guilford, afforded the first occasion for a compliance with the 45th Canon, since it was enacted. My absence of course pre vented me from giving the statement therein specified, of the ecclesiastical

vented me from giving the statement therein specified, of the ecclesiastical occurrences within the Diocese, in the preceding year.

In 1808, I administered Confirmation to 103 in St. John's Church, Waterbury; to 47 in Trinity Church, Fairfield; to 83 in St. Paul's Church, Norwalk; to 33 in St. James' Church, Derby; to 58 in Christ Church, Hartford; to 62 in St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury.

Total 386.

The Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, the Rev. Benjamin Benham, and the Rev.

The Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, the Rev. Benjamin Benham, and the Rev. Salmon Wheaton, were ordained Priests. Mr. Plumb was appointed to officiate in the Churches in Reading, Danbury, and Ridgefield. Mr. Benham was instituted Rector of the Churches in New Milford and New Preston. Mr. Wheaton was appointed to officiate in St. John's Church, Stamford. Joseph Davis Welton and Sturges Gilbert, were ordained Deacons, and licensed to preached. St. Andrew's Church in Simsbury was consecrated. In 1809, I administered the rite of Confirmation to 19 in the Church in Weston; to 37 in the Church in Reading; to 86 in the Church in Ridgefield; to 28 in St. James' Church, in Danbury; to 82 in St. John's Church, in New Milford; to 58 in the Church in New Preston; to 45 in the Church in Hamden; to 82 in Trinity Church, New Haven. Total 437.

The whole number which I have on record, as confirmed by me, since

Nov. 2d, 1794, to April 10th 1810, inclusive, the time I have officiated in the Episcopal Office, is 2604.

During the last year, 1809, the Rev. David Baldwin was ordained Priest, and instituted Rector of the Churches of Guilford, North Guilford, and North and instituted Rector of the Churches of Guilford, North Guilford, and North Killingworth. Samuel F. Jarvis, Daniel McDonald, and Nathaniel Huse were ordained Deacons. Nathaniel Huse was licensed to preach and officiate at Warehouse Point, in East Windsor. Daniel McDonald, Assistant Instructor in the Episcopal Academy, and Samuel F. Jarvis, have no Churches assigned to them, but are licensed to preach.

The Rev. John Kewley, M. D., from the State of Maryland, has been instituted Rector of Christ Church, in Middletown. The Rev. Mr. Wheaton having left Stamford, St. John's Church, in that town, has become vacant. The Church in Huntington has become vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr.

Todd. St. Peter's Church, in Plymouth, having become vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Prindle to the Churches in Oxford and Salem, the



Rev. Mr. Searle has resigned St. Mark's Church, in Harwinton, and taken the cure of St. Peter's Church, and St. Matthew's, in Plymouth. Mr. Frederick Holcomb, and Mr. Clark, a member of the Episcopal Academy, have made application to be admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

ABRAHAM, Bp., Connecticut.

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the Convention in 1808, to revise the Canons, be continued with full powers, and to report at the next Convention.

Rev. Henry Whitlock, Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Dr. Hubbard, and the Rev. Mr. Shelton, were appointed the Standing

The Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to attend the General Convention. The House separated for that purpose. The votes being taken in the separate houses, it appeared that the following persons were duly clected, viz: Rev. Bela Hubbard, D. D., Rev. John Kewley, M. D., Rev. Ashbel, Baldwin, Rev. Henry Whitlock; Burrage Beach, Esq., Gen. Matthias Nicoll, Col. William Mosely, Mr. John H. Jacocks.

Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Thursday, 7 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was opened agreeably to the adjournment.

The Secretary read morning prayers.

Col. Mosely, Zachariah Ferris, Esq., and Mr. John H. Jacocks, were appointed a committee to apply to legal counsel, to defend in the suit instituted by Ammi Rogers against the Bishop.

Whereas doubts have arisen whether the trustees of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, which was established at Cheshire by this Convention in the year 1796, are invested with the power of conferring upon the students, the degrees and testimonials of literary proficiency, usually granted in Colleges; and whereas the great objects contemplated by the Convention cannot be accomplished, unless the trustees are authorized to confer such degrees;

Resolved, That the trustees of said Academy be requested to prefer a petition to the next General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, praying that said Academy may be constituted a College, by the name and style of the Episcopal College of Connecticut, with all the powers, privileges, and

immunities of a College.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin, the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Deacon, and Burrage Beach, Esq., were appointed a committee to procure the printing of the Journals of this and the two preceding Conventions, and also of the Canons of this Church.

John Morgan, Esq., resigned his sent as trustee of the Episcopal Academy, and Col. William Mosely was appointed in his room.

A petition from the Churches of St. Mark's and St. Matthew's was presented to the Convention, praying them to settle a dispute which has arisen between said Churches, respecting their parish lines, as per petition on file; which petition was referred to the consideration of the Rev. Truman Marsh, Mr. Charles Merriman, and Burrage Beach, Esq.
Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the President and Secretary for

their attendance and services.

Convention adjourned until the first Wednesday of Oce-ber next, then to meet at Cheshire, at 8 o'clock. A. M.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

Rev. Russell Wheeler,

" Virgil H. Barber,

-{October 3, 1810}-

AT a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden at the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, by adjournment, on the 3d day of October, 1810:

PRESENT,

Rev. Philo Shelton, Ashbel Baldwin, Chauncey Prindle, 44

Reuben Ives,

Daniel Burhans, Henry Whitlock, Benjamin Benham,

6.6 Roger Searle, John Kewley, M. D., Joseph D. Welton, Deacon, Daniel McDonald, 4.6 Tillotson Bronson, 4.6

Reuben Hubbard, " Nathaniel Huse,

LAY DELEGATES.

Matthias Nicoll, Burrage Beach, William Mosely, Micajah Blakesley, Andrew Hillyer, Esqrs., Mr. Charles Merriman, Mr. Stephen Graves, Joel Bradley, Robert Foot, Esqrs.

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Bradley, Robert Foot, Esqrs.

The Bishop being absent, the Rev. Philo Shelton, being the oldest Presbyter present, took his seat as President, agreeably to the Constitution.

The members of the Convention, with the students of the Academy, formed a procession to the Church, where morning prayers were read by the Rev. Roger Searle, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Henry Whitlock. After divine service, the Convention proceeded to business.

The committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Magazines reported, that they find due from Doctor Hobart to the Convention about 130 dollars, which report was accepted.

dollars, which report was accepted.

The Rev. Henry Whitlock, and the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, were appointed a committee to make a settlement with the Rev. Dr. Hobart, respecting the Magazines, agreeably to the contract entered into between him and the Con-

Voted, That the President return the thanks of the Convention to Mr. Whitlock, for his sermon, delivered before them at the opening of the Cou-

The committee appointed to consider the petition from the Churches of St. Mark's and St. Matthew's, made the following report, viz:

The subscribers, being appointed a committee by the Convention held at Plymouth, on the first Wednesday of June last, to inquire into the facts stated in the petition of the Church of St. Mark's, in the town of Harwinton, and of the Church of St. Matthew's, in the northeast part of the town of Plymouth, and to report their opinion thereupon, beg leave to report-That on the first Wednesday of September last, they met at the house of Mr. Stephen Graves, in Harwinton, when and where the parties appeared by their respective agents, and were fully heard. The committee having duly considered all the testimony exhibited to them, do find, that about twenty-five years since, a number of the inhabitants living in the southeast part of Harwinton, associated with the Parish of St. Matthews and built a Church, and have ever since, by tax or contribution, assisted in support of divine service in the same. No vote of the Parish of St. Mark's is to be found upon the subject; but from the testimony of a number of individuals, it is to be presumed that a vote was taken, but not recorded. The extent of that vote, if any was passed, and the understanding of the parties concerned, is only to be inferred from the subsequent acts of the parties. From these, the committee are of opinion, that a certain part of the southeast corner of the town of Harwinton was exempted from the payment of taxes to St. Mark's Church, the limits to extend so far north as to include the house where Jonathan Tyler formerly lived on the east road, and to include the house of Jabez Gilbert on the middle road, and Amasa Smith and Noah Welton on the west road. All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MERRIMAN, BURRAGE BEACH.

Cheshire, October 23, 1810.

The consideration of the foregoing report was postponed to the next annual Convention.

Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the President and Secretary, for their attendance and services eir attendance and services.
Convention adjourned, without day.
ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

__[June 5-6, 1811]-

AT a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden in Christ's Church, Middletown, on the first Wednesday of June, 1811:

PRESENT,

Rev. Henry Whitlock,
"David Baldwin,
"John Kewley, M. D., Rev. Philo Shelton, " Ashbel Baldwin,

4.6 Reuben Ives, Solomon Blakesley,

Smith Miles,

" Asa Cornwall,
" Roger Searle.

Divine Service was attended in Christ's Church; morning prayer was read by the Rev. Asa Cornwall, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Reuben Ives.

A number of gentlemen appeared and presented testimonials of their appointment as Lay Delegates, from different Churches in the Diocese, which were read and approved, and the following gentlemen admitted to take their

B. Beach, Esq., Cheshire, \$9,000 Agur Wildman, Guilford, 6,000 A. Hillyer, Esq., Granby, 12,000 S. Graves, St. M., Plymouth, 5,000 N. Cornwall, Chatham, 6,000 Joel Bradley, Esq., Harwinton, 9,700 Richard Lord, East Haddam, 7,600 Ralph Smith, Chatham, Nathan Dauchy, Ridgefield, 9,889 Andrews Hall, Wallingford, 7,321 The Convention proceeds.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary by ballot, when it appeared the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin was duly elected.

On motion, by Mr. Bradley, Resolved, That the powers of the committee, appointed to consider the petition from the Churches of St. Marks and St. Matthews, be continued until the next Convention.

Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.
On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Ives for his sermon, delivered before the Convention at the opening of the session.

A motion was made by Mr. Ralph Smith, that a dissolution of all sacer-dotal connection between the Rev. Smith Miles, and the Society of Chat-

ham, may take place. On the forementioned motion, Rev. John Kewley, Rev. Roger Searle, and Mr. Elijah Warner, were appointed a committee to take into consideration

the same, and report.

The committee appointed to consider the motion made by Mr. Smith,

made the following report:

The committee judge that this Convention is incompetent to decide respecting the dissolution between a Minister of this Church and his parish, as to the pastoral connection between them; but as the union of two or more parishes in one cure hath been recommended only by an act of Convention, the committee are of opinion that the Convention is competent to decide on the propriety of their being again disunited, and to separate them accordingly.

The Convention adjourned to attend divine service.—The Rev. Mr. Bald-

win read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Whitlock delivered a sermon. After divine service, the house proceeded to business.

On motion, Resolved, That the Standing Committee be now elected, that



it be done by ballot, and that the number be five. The ballots being taken and counted, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Bronson, Shelton, Baldwin, Rev. Dr. Kewley, and Rev. Mr. Ives, were duly chosen.

Convention adjourned until 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, June 6,-6 o'clock, A. M.

The bouse met, and the Secretary read prayers.

On motion, Resolved, That the Standing Committee be requested to call on the Bishop of this Diocese as soon as may be, stating to him the situation of the Churches in Chatham, and Middle Haddam, so far as it may have come to their knowledge, requesting him speedily to exercise the duties of his office in the premise

On motion, Resolved, That the trustees of the Episcopal Academy be requested to proffer a memorial to the next General Assembly, praying them

to incorporate said Academy with collegiate powers.

On motion, Resolved. That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint the next annual Convention to be holden in the city of Hartford.

Voted, the thanks of the Convention to the President and Secretary for

their attendance and services. eir attendance and set reconstruction adjourned without day.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

__[February 19, 1812]

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters & Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Convocation holden at the house of the Reva. Henry Whitlock in New Haven on Wednesday the 19. of Feby. 1812.-

Members Present.

Right Revd. Bishop Jarvis, D. D.

Rev^d. Virgel H Barber. Rev^d. Bela Hubbard, D. D. Rev^d. Rufsel Wheeler. Rev^d. Philo Shelton. Rev^d. Ashbel Baldwin. Rev^d. David Baldwin. Rev^d. Roger Searl. Rev^d. Daniel Burhans. Rev^d. Elijah G Plumb. Rev^d. Henry Whitlock. Rev^d. Bethel Judd. Rev^d. Joseph D Welton.

Convocation was opened at 9 OClock A. M. and prayers were read by the Secretary.

The following rules were adopted.-

Rules of Order .-

1st. In all Convocations in this State, in case of the Bishop's absence; the Senior Clergyman shall preside, and be stiled the President.-

2. Prayers shall be attended at the opening of the Convocation, & at all times to which the same shall be adjourned in the Morning .-

3. The President shall take the chair, & proceed to business at the hour appointed.-

4. Every member disposed to move any question, or to speak upon any question already moved shall rise & respectfully address himself to the presiding Officer .-

5 No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice

upon any question without consent of the Convocation.-6. Every member shall attend to the business of the Convo-

cation.-

7 No member shall leave the Convocation without permission of the President.-

8. No member shall interrupt another when speaking.—

9 The President shall determine all questions of order.-

10. At the opening of every Convocation the foregoing Rules shall be read .-

The Bishop delivered an Address to the Convocation.

The Bishop retired, & the Revd. Doctor Hubbard took the

On motion, resolved unanimously that the President return the thanks of this House to the Bishop for his affectionate Address delivered to the Convocation .-

The Bishop returned & took his seat.-

The Rev^d Doctor Hubbard, Rev^d. Mr Judd & the Rev^d. Mr

Shelton were appointed a Committee, to report on that part of the Bishops address respecting the present state of the Diocese of New York .-

On motion. Resolved that the Bishop be requested to notify the meetings of Convocation, by a Circular addressed to the Presbyters & Deacons .--

Rev^d M^r Burhans appeared & took his seat.— Convocation adjourned untill 3 OClock P. M.

Wednesday 3 OClock

Convocation meet agreeable to Adjournment.-Revd. David Baldwin appeared & took his seat .-

The Committee appointed to report on the Bishops address, made the following, which was accepted.-

The Committee appointed to report on that part of the Bishops address, which relates to the unhappy difficulties existing in the Diocese of the State of New York, beg leave to report, that a Committee be appointed to advise with our Brethren of that Diocese, & to take such prudential measures to remove those difficulties as by the blefsing of God may be in their power.-

Bela Hubbard Philo Shelton Committee Bethel Judd

The Reva. Tillotson Brownson, Reva. Philo Shelton, Reva. Bethel Judd, Rev^d. Daniel Burhans were appointed a committee to carry the design of the foregoing Report into effect.—27

Convocation adjourned one hour.

Wednesday 8 OClock P M.

Convocation meet agreeable to adjournment.

Resolved, That a Petition be preferred by the Bishop & Clergy of the Diocese of Conncut., with the consent & approbation of the board of Trustees of the Episcopal Academy, to the next Legislature, praying that said Academy may be erected into a College.—28

The Rev^d. M^r. Brownson, Rev^d. M^r Chase, Rev^d. M^r. A Baldwin, Revd Mr Whitlock, & Revd. Mr. Judd were appointed a Committee to draft said Petition & advocate the same before the Legislator.

Voted the Thanks of Convocation to the President & Secretary for attendance & services.

Convocation adjourned without day.

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

Rev^d. Birdsey G Nobles

Rev^d. Isaac Jones

-[June 2-3, 1812]-

At a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters & Deacons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Connecticut in Convocation holden at the house of John Morgan Esq. in Hartford on the 2d. day of June 1812.-

Present Right Rev^d. Bishop Jarvis D. D.

Rev^d. Smith Miles

Rev^d. Henry Whitlock

Rev^d. Rufsel Wheeler

Rev ^d . Bela Hubbard D. D.	
Rev ^d . Philo-Shelton	Rev ^d . Virgil H Barber
Rev ^d . Ashbel Baldwin	Rev ^d . Benjamin Benham
Rev ^d . Tillotson Brownson	Rev ^d Asa Cornwall
Rev ^d . Reuben Ives	Rev ^d . David Baldwin
Rev ^d . Chauncey Prindle	Rev ^d Roger Searle
Rev ^d . Charles Seabury	Rev ^d Joseph D Welton
Rev ^d . Truman Marsh	Decema
Rev ^d . Daniel Burhans	Deacons
Revd. Philander Chase	Rev ^d . Daniel M ^c Donald
Rev ^d . Menzies Rayner	Rev ^d . Frederick Holcom
Rev ^d Smith Miles	Rev ^d . Nathaniel Huse



Mess Brownson, Shelton, & Searle were appointed a Committee to frame a Cannon for the regulation of Easther Meet-

Convocation adjourned untill 8 OClock to morrow Morning then to meet in the Church .--

Wednesday June 3d. 8 OClock A. M.

Convocation meet agreeable to the adjour[n]ment.

The Committee appointed to frame a Cannon to regulate Easter meetings, proposed the following which was unanimously agreed to, & recommended to the Convention for their consideration, and adoption.-

A Cannon regulating Easter Meetings

There shall be a Meeting in Easter Week, of the Wardens, Vestrymen & Parishioners of each Parish in the Diocese for the purpose of appointing the Wardens & Vestrymen, & transacting all other business that may canonically come before said meeting.—And at every such meeting it shall be the duty of the Rector to preside agreeable to ancient usage, & in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence of the Rector, the seniour Officer present shall preside .-

Convocation adjourned without day

Ashbel Baldwin Secretary

-{June 3-4, 1812}-

Ar a meeting of the Bishop, Presbyters, Deacons, and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Connecticut, holden at the Episcopal Church in Hartford, on Wednesday, the 3d day of June, A. D., 1812:

PRESENT The Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, D. D., Hubbard, Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard, Virgil H. Barber, Philo Shelton, Asa Cornwall, Ashbel Baldwin, 6.6 Roger Searle, Tillotson Bronson, P. E. A., 4.6 David Baldwin, Reuben Ives, Benjamin Benham, Joseph D. Welton, Daniel McDonald, Deacon, Chauncey Prindle, Daniel Burhans, Charles Seabury, Nathaniel Huse Truman Marsh, Frederick Holcomb, Henry Whitlock, 6.6 6.6 Isaac Jones, 84 Menzies Rayner, " Birdsey G. Noble, Philander Chase, 65 Smith Miles,

Morning service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, and a sermon

delivered by the Rev. Charles Seabury.

Burrage Beach, Esq., and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin were requested to examine the certificates of the Lay Gentlemen, handed in to the Convention, who reported the following persons duly elected:

who reported the following persons duly

Grand Levy.

B. Beach, Esq., Cheshire, \$9,185

Medad Stone, Guilford, 6,500

N. Preston, Esq., Woodbury, 9,935

A. Hillyer, Esq., Granby, &c. 10,792

S. Stoughton, Windsor, 6,783

S. Graves, St. Matthew's, Plymouth, 5,000

David Clarke Meriden, 3,761

M. Olcott, Matthew, 34,360

Patrick Clarke Meriden, 3,761

M. Olcott, Matthew's, Plant Cond. 3,360

M. Smith, Esq., New Haven, 34,360

Patrick Clarke Meriden, 3,761

M. Olcott, Mattheway, 91,386 5,000 N. Sman, 3,761 M. Olcott, 29,182 C. Sigourney, 8,160 N. M. Bronson, St. Peters, Plymouth, Helyon Patrick Clarke, Meriden, Patrick Clarke, Meriam, Nathan Landon, Litchfield, Nathaniel Wooster, Oxford, A. Chapman, Esq., New-S. Beers, Jun., town, 34,985 John T. Peters, Esq., Hebron. S. Beers, Jun.,

The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin was chosen Secretary. Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock.

Convention met agreeably to adjournment. On motion, Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to return the thanks of this House to the Rev. Charles Seabury, for his sermon, delivered at the

opening of the Convention.

The following address was presented and read to the Convention, by the

Brethren and gentlemen of the Convention:
As it hath pleased God to continue my life to a considerable length beyond As it nath pleased God to continue my life to a considerable length beyond that of my predecessor, although he possessed a much greater degree of health and vigour, than under Divine Providence, has been my allotment for many years; that single reflection is an ample monitor to me, to look forward towards an approaching period, which, as it respects myself, to human view cannot be far distant. Under such impressions, 1 must be sensible of

the increasing uncertainty of meeting you hereafter in your future Conventions. In the midst of reflections on so solemn a subject, I trust it will not be deemed improper, that the situation of our Church should intermix and bear a part in my thoughts, with a feeling interest. With the conviction of my own mind, I am desirous to blend a devout hope, that the continuance of the Episcopal Office, is, and will be invariably considered by you, as highly

important to the Church in this Diocese.

Directing your attention to the origin, and to our Almighty Redeemer the founder, as you are in conscience persuaded that through the administrations of the priesthood established by him, in communion with his Church, you are to obtain peace with God and eternal life; so you will appreciate the Episcopate as the true medium, by which the powers Christ committed to his Church, are regularly transmitted; and the word of God, and his holy Sacraments, rightly dispensed. But however expedient the office may appear, and however desired by those who are well grounded in the doctrine, the continuation of it amongst us, cannot be reasonably expected, unless some provision is made to support it. We have no Church in this State, that affords a living adequate to the support of a Bishop, and to provide a supply of service in his absence, on visitations to the other Churches in the Diocese. But if we had a Church sufficiently able to do it, would it be desirable? Would it be for the best to have the office so attached to any Church as to give that Church a controll over the choice of a Bishop. our first Bishop, who, after much expense and trouble, obtained and introduced the office into the country, took his residence amongst us, the sentiment generally pervaded the body of the Church in the State, that it was nece sary, and their duty, to make some provision for his living among us. The sary, and their duty, to make some provision for his living among us. The Churches accordingly, by their delegates, repeatedly met on that business. A contribution according to a certain ratio, in form of a tax, was agreed upon, and recommended to all their respective Churches. The measure thus attempted, being left upon so general a footing, probably from that very circumstance, proved inefficient; and all that my worthy predecessor received from the Diocese, I believe did not amount to the interest of the money he expended of his own property to accomplish for us, the object of convertible expended of his own property to accomplish for us, the object of our wishes. This was succeeded by an effort to procure from the Legislature, an act incorporating a Board of Trustees, for the establishment of a fund. After some time and much exertion the act was obtained. And, as if nothing more some time and much exertion the act was obtained. And, as it nothing more was intended by the zeal that was shown to procure it, there it rested. The attention that has since been given to it, and what has been done to carry into effect the purpose expressed in the act, you all know.—As I mean only to remind you of what has passed, with the feeling hope of exciting more attention for the future, to a matter of such weighty concern, I will barely request you to advert to several successive resolves, passed in different Conventions. In order to render consistent what was done by those Conventions, ventions. In order to render consistent what was done by those Conventions, at distinct periods of their meeting, it seems necessary to consider their several resolves as intended to make other and intermediate provision for the Bishop, until that object should be ultimately effected, by the operation of the proposed fund. In the year 1808, the Convention appointed a committee to devise ways and means for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, and to report to the next Convention. Nothing appears on the Journal that that report was ever made, or that any after attention was paid to the resolve. In the year 1801, the Convention of that year, recommended a tax of one mill and an half on the dollar, to raise a salary for the Bishop In the year 1803, a committee was appointed to inquire into the state of the Bishop's salary, and make report to the Convention. The report, as appears Bishop's salary, and make report to the Convention. The report, as appears on the Journal, was made and adopted, prescribing a method and recommending the enforcement of the resolution of 1801. As that resolution, and the way and means to enforce it, stand without any subsequent resolution to set it aside and to adopt another, the presumption must be, that the business of the committee appointed in 1808, was either to revive the former report, or to devise some substitute, to give better effect to the last resolution of the Convention on that point.

Now, gentlemen, if you will examine what stands upon the Journals, suc-

cessively, from the year 1798, and compare the several proceedings, with the receipts of moneys from the Churches of the Diocese, subject to your inspection, if desired, you will see with what languor, the support of the Bishop has hitherto been regarded. You will see with how much reason, they who feel an unfeigned interest in the welfare of the Church, are concerned, for the unpleasant prospect, that the Episcopate in this Diocese must fail, unless some more energetic measures are pursued to prevent it.

My mind would have been more highly gratified, to have had this subject brought forward to your particular notice at this time, by some member of the house; and however sentiments of delicacy under a different situation might have laid me under some restraint from doing it myself, yet I perceived that restraint lessened by the consideration that I can, at my advanced period of life, indulge no rational prospect of any great length of days to come; and therefore must be less personally affected by the future events which may await the Church, than probably will be the case with most, perhaps all of you, my brethren, who are now present. Little, indeed, have been the aids afforded by the Church towards the support of the office, since we have had the privilege of enjoying it. From this, if duly considered as from a visible cause, we may infer the want of that salutary influence essential to its respectability and to the powers of doing good, annexed to the office in its original institution.

When we were subjected to the many difficulties attendant on a hazardous and expensive voyage to England, to obtain our Priesthood, it was then viewed in that state of deprivation, as a matter which would have been of incalculable privilege, to have a resident Bisbop among us.—And, while laboring under the disadvantages, an honorable provision for his maintenance, would have been considered as a real gain in the article of expense.

With regard to the form and character of the assembly I now address, I



would beg leave to remind you, that a Convention wherein the Parishes of the Diocese were, by their delegation, to meet and deliberate with the Clergy, at its first institution, was considered and intended as a means to combine gy, at is institution. As one of the charge of the church in the Diocese, to give vigour to the spiritual authorities belonging to it, and thereby to promote the holy ends which a sound faith in her institutions directs us to look for, through a due obedience to her well appointed and sacred

Now, gentlemen, in conformity to the beneficial uses, expected to result from the deliberations of Convention, I conceive it would be proper, that your inquiry should be directed to the state of the several Parishes-into the causes that some have continued so long vacant. It may be a subject deserving your attention, whether a real injury is not done to the Church by Clergymen leaving the Churches particularly assigned to their charge, and officiating too frequently in those vacant Churches, which might, and if so, ought to have a Clergyman settled among them. Whether such practice be not disorderly, and does not merit such aid as the Convention may give to the Bishop, to correct the disorder, as having a tendency to hurt their own Churches, and to cherish a spirit of indifference and lukewarmness among the members of those vacant Churches towards the liturgy and offices, and the general interest and prosperity of the Church. As our Churches have suffered very serious, and in some instances almost ruinous mischief, and the Bishop and Clergy have experienced great trouble, is there not a full proof manifested in those instances, that some rule, more explicit than any we are provided with, ought to be formed for ourselves, with respect to Clergymen, who are entirely or in a degree strangers; or conserning whom, the Clergy of the Diocese have exceptions worthy of notice, against their admission into their body. A public rule of this nature might afford very useful aid to the Bishop, in the exercise of the care of the Churches that lies upon him, that they may be supplied with Ministers ornamental to their profession. The Church correctly understood as a systematized body, the rights belonging to individual congregations in the choice of Ministers, must be considered ing to individual congregations in the choice of Ministers, must be considered and maintained in a sense consistent with her unity, and the order of her government. When, therefore, the Church is convened in her representatives, she may promptly establish rules to direct the exercise of those rights, in agreement with the acknowledged rights of the Bishop, and with the general order and harmony, it is ever incumbent on him to promote.

My attendance on the consecration of Bishop Griswold and Bishop Hobart, at New York, immediately after the last General Convention was

bart, at New York, immediately after the last General Convention was closed at New Haven, prevented my meeting the State Convention last year, June, 1811. The communication required by the 45th Canon, was therefore not made for that year. The intention of the Canon will be complied with by adding some occurrences in the report of that year to the report concerning those of the last, which I now make to this present Convention.

Ordinations in the year 1810, not included in that report, were two; Sturges Gilbert and Joseph D. Welton, ordained Priests. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert officiates in the towns of Sharon, Kent, &c. The Rev. Joseph D. Welton officiates at Woodbury and Roxbury.

The holy rite of Confirmation was administered to 122 in St. Pefer's Church in the town of Plymouth: to 106 in the Parish of Bethany, in the

The holy rite of Confirmation was administered to 122 in St. Pefer's Church, in the town of Plymouth; to 106 in the Parish of Bethany, in the town of Woodbridge; to 56 in Trinity Church, New Haven. For the year 1811—to 37 in the Church in North Haven; to 23 in St. John's Church, Bridgeport; to 42 in Trinity Church, New Haven; to 62 in Christ's Church, Hartford; to 16 in the Church at Brooklyn. Total, 464.

In the course of the last year, the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis was ordained Priest. Frederick Holcomb, Stephen Jewett, and Orin Clarke, were ordained Deacons. The Rev. Henry Whitlock obtained a regular dismission from the Parish of St. Paul's Church, in Norwalk, and was instituted Assistant Minister in Trinity Church, New Haven. The Rev. Bethel Judd has since been chosen Rector of St. Paul's Church, vacant—by the removal of the Minister in Trinity Church, New Haven. The Rev. Bethel Judd has since been chosen Rector of St. Paul's Church, vacant—by the removal of the Rev. Henry Whitlock. Mr. Judd has entered on the duties of the Parish, but hath not been instituted. The Rev. Menzies Rayner has been regularly dismissed from Christ's Church, Hartford, and hath been chosen Rector of the Parish in the town of Huntington. He resides in Huntington, and officiates, but hath not been instituted. The Rev. Philander Chase hath been elected Rector of Christ's Church, in the city of Hartford.

The Rev. Deacon Hubbard hath been chosen by the two Churches of Danbury and Ridgefield to become their Rector, as soon as he shall be promoted to Priest's orders.

Rev. Mr. Birdsay G. Noble hath been admitted to the Holy Order of

Rev. Mr. Birdsey G. Noble hath been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacon.

In addition to the Clergymen I have mentioned, who have not been instituted, it is proper that I also mention several others who have not been established in their respective Parishes, as Canon and the office of Institution require. Rev. Messrs. White, Prindle, Plumb, Gilbert, and Welton.

The Rev. Messrs. Bronson, Whitlock, and A. Baldwin, were chosen the

Standing Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Bronson, Elijah Boardman, and Burrage Beach, Esqrs., were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Samuel Green, of New London, and to receive proposals from him to establish a Printing Press in this Diocese, for the purpose of printing the Churchman's Magazine, and such other books as may be recommended by the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and report to-morrow.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans was requested to receive all moneys sent from the Parishes in the Diocese, for the Bishop's salary.

The following Canon was adopted:

A Canon regulating Easter Meeting.

There shall be an annual meeting in Easter week, of the Wardens, Vestrymen, and Parishioners of each Parish in the Diocese, for the purpose of

appointing the Wardens and Vestrymen, and transacting all other business that may canonically come before said meeting. And at every such meeting it shall be the duty of the Rector to preside, agreeably to ancient usage; and in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence of the Rector, the senior officer present shall preside.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, during the remainder of the session, and the Rev. Mr. Shelton was requested to act as Secretary pro tempore.

Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, A. M. Convention met according to adjournment, and the Secretary read morn-

eave of absence was granted to the Rev. Mr. Prindle, during the session. Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Bishop for his address delivered yesterday. And the Rev. Messrs. Chase, Barber, and Burhans, Messrs. Charles Sigourney and Samuel Beers, were appointed a committee to consider the address, and notice such parts as require the atten-

tion of the house, and make a report thereon to this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard and Rev. Henry Whitlock, were appointed a committee to inquire if any moneys are due the Convention; if so, to collect the same and pay it over to such liquidated accounts as may be exhibited to

The committee appointed to take into consideration the Bishop's address, made the following report, which was accepted:

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The committee who were appointed to take into consideration "the address of the Bishop to this Convention, and see what points in it require the immediate attention of this house," beg leave to report—

That they have attended to their duty as far as the limited time allowed them would permit. That from not being in possession of the Bishop's address, from not having seen the annual report of the trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and from a general deficiency of information necessary to enable them to act as they would desire on this subject,—it is improper for them, at this time, to consider the subject of the address generally, or any part thereof, as fully as they are sensible they ought to do.

They, however, recommend the appointment of another committee, whose duty it shall be to obtain all the information on the subject of the Bishop's Fund, and the Bishop's salary; that this committee be instructed to prepare

an address on the subject of the salary, in their opinion indispensably necessary to the support of the Episcopal dignity in this Diocese, to transmit the same to the Clergyman of every Parish in this Diocese, and in those Parishes where there is no Clergyman, to the Wardens and Vestry, and to recommend that the same be read together with such parts of the Bishop's address, as relates thereto, by the Clergyman, (or the Wardens and Vestry, where there is no Clergyman,) to their respective Parishes, when assembled together. Which is respectfully submitted

DANIEL BURHANS, Secretary.

The Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Nathan Smith, Esq., and Mr. Charles Sigourney, were appointed the committee to carry into effect the foregoing rec-

ommendation.

Rev. Mr. Bronson, (by request of the Convention,) gave a statement of the present situation of the Academy.

The committee appointed in the Convention of 1810, to adjust the Parish bounds between St. Mark's and St. Matthew's Churches, reported to established the convention of the presented of the convention of the presented of lish the report of a former Convention on that subject, which was accepted. A Canon regulating the disposal of the Alms and other devotions presented

at the Holy Communion.
"Whereas the alms and other devotions of the people at the holy Communion are committed to the Minister at the Altar for presentation, and remain at his disposal; it shall therefore be his duty to dispense the same, according to the true intent and common usage of the Church; it being understood that the Rector will be assisted in this part of his duty by the Wardens of the Parish; and that in case any Minister present alms and other devotions at the Altar in any vacant Parish, he commit them to the Wardens of said Parish for their disposal; and the Minister, or in case of vacancy, the Wardens, shall render an account of the disposal, at the annual Parish

meeting in Easter week." Whereas it is advisable that the Churchman's Magazine be revived and

whereas it is advisable that the Churchman's Magazine be revived and continued in the Diocese of Connecticut,—

Resolved, That the Convention will patronize said Magazine, and such other publications as may issue from a press of Mr. Samuel Green, of New London, or any other printers which shall be under the direction of the Clergy of this Diocese, so far as respects the works to be published.

Voted, the thanks of the house to the President and Secretary, for their

attendance and services during the session. Convention adjourned without da

PHILO SHELTON, Secretary pro tem.

[Bishop Jarvis, born May 5, 1739, died on May 13, 1813, aged 74,

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